



2018 Homestead Benefit Application

Most homeowners should file their applications electronically – either online or by phone. Below are the *only exceptions* that require you to use the paper application form in this booklet.

You may use this form if:

- You shared ownership of your principal residence (main home) with someone who was not your spouse/civil union partner;
- Your main home was a unit in a multi-unit property that you owned;
- You received a Homestead Benefit information mailer for the correct property, but the name on the mailer is not yours or needs to be changed due to marriage, death, etc;
- You are a widow(er)/surviving civil union partner, and your deed lists both your name and the name of your deceased spouse/civil union partner;
- You are an executor filing on behalf of a deceased homeowner;
- You are filing for a property held in trust;
- You occupied a newly constructed home on October 1 for which you did not receive a Homestead Benefit Mailer with an Identification Number and PIN;
- You are considered a homeowner for purposes of applying for the Homestead Benefit, but you were not the actual owner of record on October 1.

File by November 30, 2021

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Read all instructions carefully.

General Information

When to File

File your application by November 30, 2021. All applications postmarked on or before the due date are considered filed on time.

Where to Send Your Application

Mail your application in the envelope provided to:

Homeowner Benefit Application
Revenue Processing Center
PO Box 636
Trenton, New Jersey 08646-0636

Send only one application per envelope, even if several people in the same house (e.g., multiple owners) are filing applications.

Confirmation Number

If you file a *paper* application, you will *not* receive a confirmation number. Keep a copy of your application and supporting documents for your records.

Eligibility

You are eligible for a 2018 Homestead Benefit as a homeowner if:

- You were a New Jersey resident; **and**
- You owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2018; **and**
- The 2018 property taxes were paid on that home; **and**
- Your 2018 New Jersey gross income* was not more than:
 - \$150,000 for homeowners 65 or older or blind or disabled;
 - \$75,000 for homeowners under 65 and not blind or disabled.

*You can file an application regardless of your income, but if it is more than the amounts above, we will deny your application.

NOTE: The Division of Taxation reviews applications to ensure homeowners meet the eligibility requirements. If you provide inaccurate information when filing, and we send you a larger benefit as a result, you must repay any amount you are not eligible to receive.

Principal residence (main home) means a home you owned and occupied as your permanent residence. You are not eligible for a benefit for a vacation home, a “second home,” or a property you owned and rented to someone

else. If you owned more than one property in New Jersey, only file the application for the property that was your main home on **October 1, 2018**. Residents of condominiums, co-ops, and continuing care retirement facilities who meet the eligibility requirements are also eligible for this benefit.

Life Estate (Life Tenancy). You are considered the owner of the property if you have life estate rights or hold a lease for 99 years or more. You must include with your application a copy of an official document (e.g., deed, lease) establishing your right to occupy the property.

Property Owned by Trust. You are considered an eligible owner of a property owned by a trust if you are a beneficiary, or the deed or trust agreement explicitly states that you have a life estate in the property. You must submit a complete copy of the trust agreement and a copy of the deed with your application to verify your eligibility.

Deceased Homeowners

If an eligible homeowner died before filing an application, either the surviving spouse/civil union partner or a personal representative (executor or administrator of an estate, or anyone who is in charge of the decedent’s personal property) should file the application. Follow the instructions below to ensure that we issue the benefit payment correctly.

Name and Address

Widow(er)/surviving civil union partner. If both your name and your deceased spouse’s/civil union partner’s name are on the preprinted Homestead Benefit information mailer, you must:

- Enter only your name on this application, even if your spouse/civil union partner died during 2018 and your filing status is married/CU couple, filing joint return; and
- Fill in the oval at line 11; and
- Enclose copies of the death certificate and your Social Security card.

Personal Representative. If you are filing on behalf of an eligible homeowner who died on or after October 1, 2018, you must:

- Enter the deceased person’s last name, followed by “estate of” and the decedent’s first name; and
- Enter the current mailing address; and
- Fill in “No” at line 7; and
- Fill in the oval at line 11; and
- Enclose a copy of the death certificate.

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Signatures

Personal Representative. A personal representative filing on behalf of a deceased homeowner must sign in his or her official capacity. If it is a joint application, the surviving spouse/civil union partner must also sign.

No Personal Representative. If filing a joint application when there is no personal representative for the deceased homeowner, the spouse/civil union partner signs the application and writes “Filing as Surviving Spouse” or “Filing as Surviving Civil Union Partner” in the signature section. If there is no personal representative and no surviving spouse/civil union partner, the person in charge of the decedent’s property must file and sign as “personal representative.”

Check the box above the signature line and enclose a copy of the decedent’s death certificate.

Seniors, Disabled not Required to File a 2018 New Jersey Income Tax Return

If you or your spouse/civil union partner were 65 or older or blind or disabled on December 31, 2018, and you were not required to file a 2018 New Jersey tax return, we will include your property tax credit with your Homestead Benefit.

How Homestead Benefits Are Paid

We will issue your benefit payment either as a credit or by check.

- **Credit on a future property tax bill.**

Most homeowners get a credit. Your tax collector will issue you a property tax bill or advice copy reflecting the amount of the benefit. Additional information will be posted on our website when it becomes available (see back cover).

- **Check *only* if:**

- Your home on October 1, 2018, was a unit in a co-op or a continuing care retirement community; or
- The property was your home on October 1, 2018, but you no longer own or are about to sell it. See “If You Sold or Plan to Sell Your Home” above.

If You Sold or Plan to Sell Your Home...

- If you sold your home, or you plan to close on or before November 30, 2021, you must fill in “No” at line 7 or you risk losing your benefit.
- If you answer “Yes” at line 7, the Homestead Benefit will reduce the tax bill of the person who owns the property on the date the benefit is paid.
- This also means that if you sell your home *after* filing this application, the only way to receive your 2018 Homestead Benefit is to take credit for it at the closing of your property sale.
- If you plan to sell your home, discuss these instructions with your attorney or closing agent so they can negotiate on your behalf.

Save these instructions.

Set-Off Program

Under New Jersey law, if you owe any money to the State of New Jersey, any of its agencies, or the Internal Revenue Service, we will deduct it from your Homestead Benefit. If the Division applies your benefit to any of these debts, we will notify you by mail.

Privacy Act Notification

The Federal Privacy Act of 1974 requires an agency requesting information from individuals to inform them why the request is being made and how the information is being used. The Division of Taxation uses your Social Security number primarily to account for and give credit for tax payments. We also use Social Security numbers in the administration and enforcement of all tax laws for which we are responsible. In addition, the Division is required by law to forward an annual list to the Administrative Office of the Courts containing the names, addresses, and Social Security numbers of individuals who file a New Jersey tax return or Homestead Benefit application. This list will be used to avoid duplication of names on jury lists.

Line-by-Line Instructions

Social Security Number(s)

Enter your Social Security number in the boxes at the top of the application, one digit in each box. If you are married or in a civil union, you **must** enter the Social Security numbers for both of you. Enter both numbers, even if only one spouse/civil union partner holds title to the property, unless you maintained separate main homes on October 1, 2018.

County/Municipality Code

Enter the four-digit code for the home that was your main home on October 1, 2018, one digit in each box, from the table on pages 8–9. If the table does not include the local name of the place where you lived, enter the code for the municipality where you paid your property taxes on this residence. To obtain the name of your municipality, go to state.nj.us/nj/gov/county/localities.html.

Name and Address

Print or type your name (last name first), current mailing address, and ZIP Code in the spaces provided. Include your spouse's/civil union partner's name unless you are filing separate applications.

Identification Number/PIN

If you received a preprinted Homestead Benefit information mailer for a property that was your main home on October 1, 2018, enter the Identification Number and PIN from that mailer in the boxes on this application, one digit in each box. Otherwise, use the Identification Number and PIN we sent you with this application booklet.

If you do not have a valid Identification Number and PIN, you **must** include a copy of an official document proving your ownership on October 1, 2018, (such as a deed) or documentation establishing your right to occupy the property (such as an executory contract of sale).

NOTE: Homes that were built in 2018 may not have been assigned an Identification Number and PIN. Homeowners must provide proof of ownership as described above.

Filing your application without a valid Identification Number or PIN and without the required proof of ownership may delay the processing of your application.

Birth Year(s)

Enter your birth year in the boxes on the application. If you are married or in a civil union, you **must** enter the birth years of both spouses/civil union partners unless you maintained separate residences on October 1, 2018.

Homestead Benefit Filing Status (Lines 1–6)

Fill in the oval that corresponds to your filing status on your 2018 New Jersey Income Tax return. Using a different filing status may delay your benefit. If you were not required to file a return, enter the filing status you would have used if you had filed. Fill in only one oval.

Head of Household. You can use this filing status if you were unmarried or not a partner in a civil union on the last day of the tax year, and you paid more than one-half of the cost of keeping up a home for yourself *and at least one qualifying person*. Certain married individuals/civil union partners living apart can file as head of household for New Jersey if they meet the requirements to file as head of household for federal purposes. You may also qualify to file as head of household if you are no longer eligible to file as qualifying widow(er)/surviving CU partner, and you have not remarried or entered into a new civil union.

Qualifying Widow(er)/Surviving CU Partner. You may be eligible to use this filing status for 2018 **only** if your spouse/civil union partner died in either 2016 or 2017, **and** you meet the other requirements to file as qualifying widow(er) for federal purposes.

Married/CU Partner, Filing Separately. If you filed your 2018 New Jersey Resident Income Tax return as “married/CU partner, filing separate return,” you must indicate whether on October 1, 2018, you and your spouse/civil union partner maintained the same or separate main homes.

Same Residence. If you both maintained the same residence, you should file one Homestead Benefit application and fill in the oval for filing status “6.”

Separate Residences. If you each maintained a separate residence, you should file separate applications and fill in the oval for filing status “3.”

Line 7 — Ownership Status

Fill in the “Yes” oval if you currently own the property that was your main home on October 1, 2018. Fill in the “No” oval if you no longer own or are about to sell the property. Enter the date the property was/will be sold or transferred.

Sale of Property. If you are filing this application for a property you no longer own, you must answer “No” at line 7 or you risk losing your benefit. If you are about to sell the property or think you might, see “If You Sold or Plan to Sell Your Home” on page 2 before answering. Keep these instructions for your attorney or closing agent.

NOTE: If you are filing on behalf of the estate of an eligible homeowner who died on or after October 1, 2018, fill in “No.” Enter the date the property was sold/transferred if applicable.

Line 8 — Homeowner on October 1, 2018

If you owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your main home on October 1, 2018, fill in “Yes” and continue completing the application. **If you answer “No” here, you are not eligible for a 2018 Homestead Benefit as a homeowner. Do not file this application.**

Line 9a — Age 65 or Older

Indicate whether you were 65 or older on the last day of the 2018 Tax Year. Fill in the appropriate oval to the right of “Yourself.” If you were married or in a civil union, fill in the appropriate oval to the right of “Spouse/CU partner” unless you maintained separate main homes on October 1, 2018.

Proof of Age. If you filled in “Yes,” indicating that you (or your spouse/civil union partner) were 65 or older, you must

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submit proof with your application. Acceptable documentation includes a copy of a birth certificate, driver's license, or church records.

Line 9b — Blind or Disabled

Indicate whether you were eligible to claim a personal exemption as a blind or disabled taxpayer on the last day of the 2018 Tax Year. Fill in the appropriate oval to the right of "Yourself." If you were married or in a civil union, fill in the appropriate oval to the right of "Spouse/CU partner" unless you maintained separate main homes on October 1, 2018.

Proof of Blindness or Disability. If you filled in "Yes," indicating that you (or your spouse/civil union partner) were blind or disabled, you must submit proof with your application. Acceptable documentation includes a copy of the doctor's certificate or other medical records evidencing legal blindness or total and permanent disability, or a copy of the Social Security Award Letter indicating that you (or your spouse/civil union partner) were receiving disability benefits for the 2018 Tax Year. You do not qualify if you (or your spouse/civil union partner) were receiving disability benefits on behalf of someone else.



See the instructions on the back of the application before completing line 10.

Line 10 — Gross Income

Enter the amount of your 2018 New Jersey gross income. See the instructions on the back of the application before entering an amount here. Do not include Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits as income on line 10.

NOTE: If you understate your income and we send you a larger benefit as a result, you must repay any amount you are not eligible to receive.

Line 11 — Applicant Name(s)

Fill in the oval if:

- You did not receive a Homestead Benefit information mailer containing an Identification Number and PIN for the home that was your main home on October 1, 2018; or
- You did receive a mailer, but the name on it was not yours; or
- The name on the mailer you received needs to be changed for any reason (e.g., marriage, death, misspelling, etc.).

Line 12 — Type of Residence

If your home was a unit in a co-op or a continuing care retirement facility, fill in the oval that indicates the type of facility. Also, enter the name of the building or facility.

Line 13 — Address of Main Home on October 1, 2018

Enter the street address and municipality of the New Jersey residence you are applying for **only** if it is different from the address at the top of the application.

Line 14 — Block and Lot Numbers

Enter the Block and Lot Numbers of the property that was your main home on October 1, 2018. Include qualifier if applicable (condominiums only). You can obtain this information from your property tax bill or from your local tax collector.

Enter the Block and Lot Numbers in the boxes like this:

Example: Block 3105.62 Lot 14.3

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Lot

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Line 15a — Multiple Owners

Fill in the "Yes" oval only if you owned the property that was your main home with someone who was not your spouse/civil union partner. For example, you and your sister owned the home you lived in. You must answer "Yes" even if your sister does not live there. The benefit is available only for the share (percentage) of the property you owned. See example below. If you (and your spouse/civil union partner) were the sole owner(s), fill in the "No" oval. Spouses/civil union partners are considered one owner.

Line 15b — Percent of Ownership

If you filled in "Yes" at line 15a, enter the percentage of the property you (and your spouse/civil union partner) owned.

Example: You and your wife own a home with your sister. You live in the home with your wife. Your sister does not live with you, and you and your wife pay all the property taxes. You must enter 50% on line 15b because you and your wife own only one-half (50%) of the property.

NOTE: If there are multiple owners who met the eligibility requirements, they must each file a separate Homestead Benefit paper application, and each owner must use the same Identification Number and PIN.

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If you are married or in a civil union, you must provide information for both spouses/civil union partners, unless you maintain separate residences.	Your Social Security Number [][][][] - [][][] - [][][][][]	Last Name, First Name and Initial (Joint filers enter first name and initial of each – Enter spouse/CU partner last name ONLY if different)	
	Spouse's/CU Partner's Social Security Number [][][][] - [][][] - [][][][][]	Home Address (Number and Street, including apartment number or rural route)	
	County/Municipality Code (See Table pages 8-9) [][][][]	City, Town, Post Office	State

Your Identification Number	[][][][] - [][][][] - [][][][]	If you are married or in a civil union, you must provide information for both spouses/civil union partners, unless you maintain separate residences.	Your Birth Year	[][][][]
Your PIN	[][][][]		Your Spouse's/ CU Partner's Birth Year	[][][][]

HOMESTEAD BENEFIT FILING STATUS	(Fill on only one oval)		OWNERSHIP STATUS	7. Do you still own the property for which you are filing this application? If you are about to sell the property, see instructions on page 2 before answering.
	1. <input type="radio"/> Single	4. <input type="radio"/> Head of Household		Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
	2. <input type="radio"/> Married/CU Couple, filing joint return	5. <input type="radio"/> Qualifying Widow(er)/Surviving CU Partner		If "No," when did/will you sell/transfer the property? _____
	3. <input type="radio"/> Married/CU Partner, filing separately: each maintains separate residence	6. <input type="radio"/> Married/CU Partner, filing separately: both maintain same residence		

8. On October 1, 2018, I owned and occupied a home in New Jersey as my principal residence (main home). Yes No
 If "No," STOP. You are not eligible for a benefit as a homeowner and you should not file this application.

9a. Were you age 65 or older on December 31, 2018? **Yourself:** Yes No **Spouse/CU Partner:** Yes No

9b. Were you blind or disabled on December 31, 2018? **Yourself:** Yes No **Spouse/CU Partner:** Yes No

Proof of age or disability is required if you fill in "Yes" for yourself and/or spouse/CU partner at 9a or 9b. See instructions.

10. Enter the amount of 2018 New Jersey Gross Income. See instructions on reverse..... 10 [][][] , [][][] , [][][]

11. **Fill in the oval on this line if:** (a) You did not receive a filing information mailer containing an Identification Number and PIN for the home that was your main home on October 1, 2018, **or** (b) the name on the mailer that you did receive is not yours, **or** (c) the name on the mailer you received needs to be changed for any reason.
 Widow(er)s/Surviving CU Partners, see instruction page 1.

12. **Type of Residence.** If your home was a unit in a Co-op or a Continuing Care Retirement Facility on October 1, 2018, indicate the type, and enter the name of the building or facility. Co-op Continuing Care Retirement Facility

Name of Co-op or Continuing Care Retirement Facility: _____

13. Enter the address of your main home on October 1, 2018, **if different from the address above.**

Street Address: _____ Municipality: _____

14. Enter the block and lot number of your main home on October 1, 2018:

Block	Lot	Qualifier
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15a. Did you share ownership of this property with someone who was not your spouse/CU partner? Yes No
 See instructions.

b. If you answered "Yes," indicate the share (percentage) of the property owned by you (and your spouse/CU partner). See instructions. [][] %

16a. Did the property for which you are filing this application consist of multiple units? See instructions. Yes No

b. If you answered "Yes," indicate the share (percentage) of the property that you (and your spouse/CU partner) used as your main home. See instructions. [][] %

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SIGN HERE	If enclosing a copy of death certificate for deceased applicant, check box. (See instructions.) <input type="checkbox"/>	Due Date: November 30, 2021 Mail your application in the enclosed envelope to: Homeowner Benefit Application Revenue Processing Center PO Box 636 Trenton, NJ 08646-0636
	Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that the information in this application is true and correct and that I owned and occupied the property for which I am applying for the Homestead Benefit as my main home on October 1, 2018.	
	_____ Your Signature Date	
	_____ Spouse's/CU Partner's Signature (If filing jointly, BOTH must sign) Date	
	_____ Daytime phone number and/or email address (optional)	

Homeowners filing paper Homestead Benefit applications will not receive confirmation numbers.
Keep copies of your application and supporting documents for your records.

Line 16a — Multiple Units

Fill in the “Yes” oval if your main home was a unit in a multi-unit property that you owned. For example, you owned a property consisting of four residential units, and you occupied one of the units as your main home. The benefit is available only for the unit you used as your main home. If the property is not a multi-unit property, fill in the “No” oval.

“Unit of residential property” means a single, separate dwelling unit that includes complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons. This unit must contain permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation along with separate kitchen and bathroom facilities.

NOTE: If your main home was a condominium unit or a unit in a co-op or continuing care retirement community, you are **not** considered to be living in a multi-unit property. Fill in “No.”

Line 16b — Percent of Occupancy

If you filled in “Yes” at line 16a, enter the percentage of the property that you (and your spouse/civil union partner) used as your main home.

Example: You own a four-unit property. The units are equal in size, and one of the units is your main home. You occupy one-fourth (25%) of the property as your main home. Enter 25% at line 16b.

Note:

- (1) If the property you own consists of more than four units, you **do not qualify** for the benefit, even if one of the units is your main home.
- (2) If the property you own contains more than one commercial unit, you **do not qualify** for the benefit, even if it also includes a residential unit you use as your main home.

Signatures

Sign and date your application in ink. Both husband and wife/civil union partners must sign a joint application. The signature(s) on the application must be original; photocopied signatures are not acceptable. We cannot process an application without the proper signature(s) and will return it to you. This may delay your Homestead Benefit.

Daytime Phone Number and/or Email Address

Providing your daytime phone number and/or email address may help us process your application if we have questions. If you are filing a joint application, you can enter either your or your spouse’s/civil union partner’s daytime phone number and/or email address.

Income Calculation (Lines 17–31)

Read instructions on back of application first.

Report your income from all sources for the **entire year** (including your spouse’s/civil union partner’s if applicable), even if you were a New Jersey resident for only part of the year. If you understate your income, you must repay any benefit amount you are not eligible to receive.

Do not report income that is exempt from New Jersey Income Tax: for example, Social Security Benefits, unemployment, or U.S. military pensions.

Line-by-Line Instructions

Lines 17–31 correspond to the categories of income and the income exclusions on the New Jersey Resident Income Tax return. You must report all taxable income you receive, regardless of where you earned it. We may ask you to submit documentation to verify your income.

A brief description of how to complete lines 17–31 follows. If you need more information on the type or amount of

income to report on a particular line, or the types of income that are not taxable (e.g., Social Security), or on the qualifications for the pension and other retirement income exclusions, see the instructions for the 2018 New Jersey resident return, Form NJ-1040, on our website.

Reporting a Loss. If you have a net loss in any category of income, enter zero. You can apply a loss in one category only against other income in the same category. You cannot apply a net loss in one category against income or gains in another.

Rounding. Round all items to the nearest dollar.

Line 17 — Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.

Enter the wages, salaries, tips, fees, commissions, bonuses, and other payments you received from all employment both inside and outside New Jersey. Take the amount from Box 16 of your W-2. If you were employed outside New

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Jersey, you may need to adjust your wages to reflect New Jersey tax law.

Line 18 — Taxable Interest Income

Enter your taxable interest income.

Line 19 — Dividends

Enter the taxable dividend income you received from investments (e.g., from stocks, mutual funds) or other income-producing activities that do not constitute a trade or business. Report capital gains distributions from mutual funds or other regulated investment companies on line 21, not on this line.

Line 20 — Net Profits From Business

Enter the net profits from your business, trade, or profession. Use the amount from federal Schedule C (or Schedule C-EZ or F) as adjusted to reflect New Jersey tax law.

Line 21 — Net Gains or Income From Disposition of Property

Enter your net gains or income from the sale or exchange of any property. Also include any capital gains distributions you received from mutual funds or other regulated investment companies.

Line 22 — Pensions, Annuities, and IRA Withdrawals

Enter your taxable pensions, annuities, and IRA withdrawals. The New Jersey taxable amount may be different from the federal amount.

Line 23 — Distributive Share of Partnership Income

Enter your share of income from partnership(s), whether or not the income was actually distributed. See GIT-9P, *Income From Partnerships*, on our website for more information.

Line 24 — Net Pro Rata Share of S Corporation Income

Enter your net pro rata share of S corporation income, whether or not the income was actually distributed. See GIT-9S, *Income From S Corporations*, on our website for more information.

Line 25 — Net Gains or Income From Rents, Royalties, Patents, and Copyrights

Enter your net gains or income from rents, royalties, patents, and copyrights.

Line 26 — Net Gambling Winnings

Enter net gambling winnings, including New Jersey Lottery winnings from prize amounts of more than \$10,000. You can deduct your gambling losses, including New Jersey Lottery losses, from your winnings that occurred during the same year.

Line 27 — Alimony and Separate Maintenance Payments Received

Enter court-ordered alimony and separate maintenance payments you received. Do not include payments for child support.

Line 28 — Other

Enter on line 28:

- Amounts received as prizes and awards
- Income in respect of a decedent
- Income from estates and trusts
- Scholarships and fellowship grants are taxable unless they meet certain conditions
- Residential rental value or allowance paid by employer
- Other (taxable income that has no other place on the return)

Line 29 — Total Income

Enter the total of lines 17 through 28.

Line 30a — New Jersey Pension Exclusion

If, on the last day of the tax year, you (and/or your spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) were 62 or older or disabled under Social Security guidelines **and** your total income on line 29 (combined income if filing jointly) was \$100,000 or less, you can exclude all or a part of your income from taxable pensions, annuities, and IRA withdrawals. The maximum exclusion amount depends on your filing status:

\$60,000	Married/CU couple, filing joint return
\$60,000	Married/CU partner, filing separately: both maintain same residence*
\$45,000	Single; Head of household; Qualifying widow(er)/surviving CU partner
\$30,000	Married/CU partner, filing separately: each maintains separate residence

*This \$60,000 exclusion is for **Homestead Benefit application purposes ONLY**.

Enter on line 30a the lesser of the amount you reported on line 22 or the amount shown next to your filing status above.

If you file a joint return and both of you qualify for the pension exclusion, you can apply the exclusion to the total taxable pension amount reported.

NOTE: If only one of you qualifies for the exclusion, you can exclude only the income of that spouse/civil union partner.

Line 30b — Other Retirement Income Exclusion

If you (and/or your spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) were 62 or older on the last day of the tax year and you qualified for the pension exclusion (see page 6) but did not use the maximum pension exclusion amount for your filing status on line 30a, you may qualify to exclude other income. Complete the Unclaimed Pension Exclusion Worksheet on this page to calculate your unclaimed pension exclusion amount. Part-year residents must use earned income (wages, net profits from business, partnership income, and S corporation income) received for the entire year. The exclusion amounts in the worksheet for married/ CU partners filing separately but *maintaining the same residence* are for **Homestead Benefit application purposes ONLY**. Do not use them for Income Tax purposes.

If you (and your spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) will **never** be able to receive Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits because your employer did not participate in either program, you may also qualify for the Special Exclusion. See GIT-1 and 2, *Retirement Income*, for more information.

Line 30c — Total Exclusion Amount

Add line 30a and line 30b and enter the total.

Line 31 — Gross Income

Subtract line 30c from line 29. Enter the result here and on line 10 of your Homestead Benefit application.



Return to line 10 instructions on page 4.

Unclaimed Pension Exclusion Worksheet
(for use in completing line 30b ONLY)

Is your income on line 29 **MORE than \$100,000?**

Yes. Do not complete Part I. Enter "0" on line 4 and continue with Part II.

No. Continue with line 1.

1. Enter the total of lines 17, 20, 23, and 24 of Homestead Benefit income calculation 1. _____

Is the amount on line 1 MORE than \$3,000?

Yes. Enter "0" on line 4 and continue with Part II.

No. Continue with line 2.

2. **Enter:** **if your Homestead Benefit filing status is:**

\$60,000	Married/CU couple, filing joint return; Married/CU partner, filing separately: both maintain same residence
\$45,000	Single; Head of household; Qualifying widow(er)/surviving CU partner
\$30,000	Married/CU partner, filing separately: each maintains separate residence

..... 2. _____

3. Enter the amount from line 30a of Homestead Benefit income calculation 3. _____

4. Unclaimed Pension Exclusion. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero, enter "0." Include on line 30b of Homestead Benefit income calculation 4. _____

Joint filers: If only one spouse is 62 or older, only the income of that spouse can be excluded.

Special Exclusion. If you (and your spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) will **never** be able to receive Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits because your employer did not participate in either program, see GIT-1 and 2, *Retirement Income*, before entering an amount on line 30b.

County/Municipality Codes

Enter the appropriate four-digit number in the boxes provided on your Homestead Benefit application. The County/Municipality Codes reflected below are for Division of Taxation purposes **only**.

Municipality	Code	Municipality	Code	Municipality	Code	Municipality	Code
ATLANTIC COUNTY							
Absecon City	0101	Ridgewood Village	0251	Gibbsboro Borough	0413	Nutley Township	0716
Atlantic City	0102	River Edge Borough	0252	Gloucester City	0414	Orange City	0717
Brigantine City	0103	River Vale Township	0253	Gloucester Township	0415	Roseland Borough	0718
Buena Borough	0104	Rochelle Park Township	0254	Haddon Township	0416	South Orange Village Twp.	0719
Buena Vista Township	0105	Rockleigh Borough	0255	Haddonfield Borough	0417	Verona Township	0720
Corbin City	0106	Rutherford Borough	0256	Haddon Heights Borough	0418	West Caldwell Township	0721
Egg Harbor City	0107	Saddle Brook Township	0257	Hi-Nella Borough	0419	West Orange Township	0722
Egg Harbor Township	0108	Saddle River Borough	0258	Laurel Springs Borough	0420	GLOUCESTER COUNTY	
Estell Manor City	0109	South Hackensack Twp.	0259	Lawnside Borough	0421	Clayton Borough	0801
Folsom Borough	0110	Teaneck Township	0260	Lindenwold Borough	0422	Deptford Township	0802
Galloway Township	0111	Tenaflly Borough	0261	Magnolia Borough	0423	East Greenwich Township	0803
Hamilton Township	0112	Teterboro Borough	0262	Merchantville Borough	0424	Elk Township	0804
Hammonton Town	0113	Upper Saddle River Bor.	0263	Mount Ephraim Borough	0425	Franklin Township	0805
Linwood City	0114	Waldwick Borough	0264	Oaklyn Borough	0426	Glassboro Borough	0806
Longport Borough	0115	Wallington Borough	0265	Pennsauken Township	0427	Greenwich Township	0807
Margate City	0116	Washington Township	0266	Pine Hill Borough	0428	Harrison Township	0808
Mullica Township	0117	Westwood Borough	0267	Pine Valley Borough	0429	Logan Township	0809
Northfield City	0118	Woodcliff Lake Borough	0268	Runnemede Borough	0430	Mantua Township	0810
Pleasantville City	0119	Wood-Ridge Borough	0269	Somerdale Borough	0431	Monroe Township	0811
Port Republic City	0120	Wyckoff Township	0270	Stratford Borough	0432	National Park Borough	0812
Somers Point City	0121	BURLINGTON COUNTY		Tavistock Borough	0433	Newfield Borough	0813
Ventnor City	0122	Bass River Township	0301	Voorhees Township	0434	Paulsboro Borough	0814
Weymouth Township	0123	Beverly City	0302	Waterford Township	0435	Pitman Borough	0815
BERGEN COUNTY							
Allendale Borough	0201	Bordentown City	0303	Winslow Township	0436	South Harrison Township	0816
Alpine Borough	0202	Bordentown Township	0304	Woodlynne Borough	0437	Swedesboro Borough	0817
Bergenfield Borough	0203	Burlington City	0305	CAPE MAY COUNTY			
Bogota Borough	0204	Burlington Township	0306	Avalon Borough	0501	Washington Township	0818
Carlstadt Borough	0205	Chesterfield Township	0307	Cape May City	0502	Wenonah Borough	0819
Cliffside Park Borough	0206	Cinnaminson Township	0308	Cape May Point Borough	0503	West Deptford Township	0820
Closter Borough	0207	Delanco Township	0309	Dennis Township	0504	Westville Borough	0821
Cresskill Borough	0208	Delran Township	0310	Lower Township	0505	Woodbury City	0822
Demarest Borough	0209	Eastampton Township	0311	Middle Township	0506	Woodbury Heights Bor.	0823
Dumont Borough	0210	Edgewater Park Township	0312	North Wildwood City	0507	Woolwich Township	0824
East Rutherford Borough	0212	Evesham Township	0313	Ocean City	0508	HUDSON COUNTY	
Edgewater Borough	0213	Fieldsboro Borough	0314	Sea Isle City	0509	Bayonne City	0901
Elmwood Park Borough	0211	Florence Township	0315	Stone Harbor Borough	0510	East Newark Borough	0902
Emerson Borough	0214	Hainesport Township	0316	Upper Township	0511	Guttenberg Town	0903
Englewood City	0215	Lumberton Township	0317	West Cape May Borough	0512	Harrison Town	0904
Englewood Cliffs Boro	0216	Mansfield Township	0318	West Wildwood Borough	0513	Hoboken City	0905
Fair Lawn Borough	0217	Maple Shade Township	0319	Wildwood City	0514	Jersey City	0906
Fairview Borough	0218	Medford Township	0320	Wildwood Crest Borough	0515	Kearny Town	0907
Fort Lee Borough	0219	Medford Lakes Borough	0321	Woodbine Borough	0516	North Bergen Township	0908
Franklin Lakes Borough	0220	Moorestown Township	0322	CUMBERLAND COUNTY			
Garfield City	0221	Mount Holly Township	0323	Bridgeton City	0601	Secaucus Town	0909
Glen Rock Borough	0222	Mount Laurel Township	0324	Commercial Township	0602	Union City	0910
Hackensack City	0223	New Hanover Township	0325	Deerfield Township	0603	Weehawken Township	0911
Harrington Park Borough	0224	North Hanover Township	0326	Downe Township	0604	West New York Town	0912
Hasbrouck Heights Bor.	0225	Palmyra Borough	0327	Fairfield Township	0605	HUNTERDON COUNTY	
Haworth Borough	0226	Pemberton Borough	0328	Greenwich Township	0606	Alexandria Township	1001
Hillsdale Borough	0227	Pemberton Township	0329	Hopewell Township	0607	Bethlehem Township	1002
Ho Ho Kus Borough	0228	Riverside Township	0330	Lawrence Township	0608	Bloomsbury Borough	1003
Leonia Borough	0229	Riverton Borough	0331	Maurice River Township	0609	Califon Borough	1004
Little Ferry Borough	0230	Shamong Township	0332	Millville City	0610	Clinton Town	1005
Lodi Borough	0231	Southampton Township	0333	Shiloh Borough	0611	Clinton Township	1006
Lyndhurst Township	0232	Springfield Township	0334	Stow Creek Township	0612	Delaware Township	1007
Mahwah Township	0233	Tabernacle Township	0335	Upper Deerfield Twp.	0613	East Amwell Township	1008
Maywood Borough	0234	Washington Township	0336	Vineland City	0614	Flemington Borough	1009
Midland Park Borough	0235	Westampton Township	0337	ESSEX COUNTY			
Montvale Borough	0236	Willingboro Township	0338	Belleville Township	0701	Franklin Township	1010
Moonachie Borough	0237	Woodland Township	0339	Bloomfield Township	0702	Frenchtown Borough	1011
New Milford Borough	0238	Wrightstown Borough	0340	Caldwell Borough	0703	Glen Gardner Borough	1012
North Arlington Borough	0239	CAMDEN COUNTY		Cedar Grove Township	0704	Hampton Borough	1013
Northvale Borough	0240	Audubon Borough	0401	East Orange City	0705	High Bridge Borough	1014
Norwood Borough	0241	Audubon Park Borough	0402	Essex Fells Twp.	0706	Holland Township	1015
Oakland Borough	0242	Barrington Borough	0403	Fairfield Township	0707	Kingwood Township	1016
Old Tappan Borough	0243	Bellmawr Borough	0404	Glen Ridge Borough	0708	Lambertville City	1017
Oradell Borough	0244	Berlin Borough	0405	Irvington Township	0709	Lebanon Borough	1018
Palisades Park Borough	0245	Berlin Township	0406	Livingston Township	0710	Lebanon Township	1019
Paramus Borough	0246	Brooklawn Borough	0407	Maplewood Township	0711	Milford Borough	1020
Park Ridge Borough	0247	Camden City	0408	Millburn Township	0712	Raritan Township	1021
Ramsey Borough	0248	Cherry Hill Township	0409	Montclair Township	0713	Readington Township	1022
Ridgefield Borough	0249	Chesilhurst Borough	0410	Newark City	0714	Stockton Borough	1023
Ridgefield Park Village	0250	Clementon Borough	0411	North Caldwell Bor.	0715	Tewksbury Township	1024
		Collingswood Borough	0412			Union Township	1025
						West Amwell Township	1026

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MERCER COUNTY				SUSSEX COUNTY			
East Windsor Township	1101	Monmouth Beach Borough	1334	Lavallette Borough	1516	Andover Borough	1901
Ewing Township	1102	Neptune City Borough	1336	Little Egg Harbor Twp.	1517	Andover Township	1902
Hamilton Township	1103	Neptune Township	1335	Long Beach Township	1518	Branchville Borough	1903
Hightstown Borough	1104	Ocean Township	1337	Manchester Township	1519	Byram Township	1904
Hopewell Borough	1105	Oceanport Borough	1338	Mantoloking Borough	1520	Frankford Township	1905
Hopewell Township	1106	Red Bank Borough	1339	Ocean Gate Borough	1522	Franklin Borough	1906
Lawrence Township	1107	Roosevelt Borough	1340	Ocean Township	1521	Fredon Township	1907
Pennington Borough	1108	Rumson Borough	1341	Pine Beach Borough	1523	Green Township	1908
Princeton	1114	Sea Bright Borough	1342	Plumsted Township	1524	Hamburg Borough	1909
Robbinsville Township	1112	Sea Girt Borough	1343	Point Pleasant Borough	1525	Hampton Township	1910
Trenton City	1111	Shrewsbury Borough	1344	Pt. Pleasant Beach Bor.	1526	Hardyston Township	1911
West Windsor Township	1113	Shrewsbury Township	1345	Seaside Heights Borough	1527	Hopatcong Borough	1912
MIDDLESEX COUNTY				PASSAIC COUNTY			
Carteret Borough	1201	Spring Lake Borough	1347	Seaside Park Borough	1528	Lafayette Township	1913
Cranbury Township	1202	Spring Lake Heights Bor.	1348	Ship Bottom Borough	1529	Montague Township	1914
Dunellen Borough	1203	Tinton Falls Borough	1349	South Toms River Bor.	1530	Newton Town	1915
East Brunswick Township	1204	Union Beach Borough	1350	Stafford Township	1531	Ogdensburg Borough	1916
Edison Township	1205	Upper Freehold Township	1351	Surf City Borough	1532	Sandyston Township	1917
Helmetta Borough	1206	Wall Township	1352	Toms River Township	1508	Sparta Township	1918
Highland Park Borough	1207	West Long Branch Boro	1353	Tuckerton Borough	1533	Stanhope Borough	1919
Jamesburg Borough	1208	MORRIS COUNTY		PASSAIC COUNTY			
Metuchen Borough	1209	Boonton Town	1401	Bloomingdale Borough	1601	Stillwater Township	1920
Middlesex Borough	1210	Boonton Township	1402	Clifton City	1602	Sussex Borough	1921
Milltown Borough	1211	Butler Borough	1403	Haledon Borough	1603	Vernon Township	1922
Monroe Township	1212	Chatham Borough	1404	Hawthorne Borough	1604	Walpack Township	1923
New Brunswick City	1213	Chatham Township	1405	Little Falls Township	1605	Wantage Township	1924
North Brunswick Twp.	1214	Chester Borough	1406	North Haledon Borough	1606	UNION COUNTY	
Old Bridge Township	1215	Chester Township	1407	Passaic City	1607	Berkeley Heights Twp.	2001
Perth Amboy City	1216	Denville Township	1408	Paterson City	1608	Clark Township	2002
Piscataway Township	1217	Dover Town	1409	Pompton Lakes Borough	1609	Cranford Township	2003
Plainsboro Township	1218	East Hanover Township	1410	Prospect Park Borough	1610	Elizabeth City	2004
Sayreville Borough	1219	Florham Park Borough	1411	Ringwood Borough	1611	Fanwood Borough	2005
South Amboy City	1220	Hanover Township	1412	Totowa Borough	1612	Garwood Borough	2006
South Brunswick Twp.	1221	Harding Township	1413	Wanaque Borough	1613	Hillside Township	2007
South Plainfield Bor.	1222	Jefferson Township	1414	Wayne Township	1614	Kenilworth Borough	2008
South River Borough	1223	Kinnelon Borough	1415	West Milford Township	1615	Linden City	2009
Spotswood Borough	1224	Lincoln Park Borough	1416	Woodland Park Borough	1616	Mountainside Borough	2011
Woodbridge Township	1225	Long Hill Township	1430	SALEM COUNTY			
MONMOUTH COUNTY				SALEM COUNTY			
Aberdeen Township	1301	Madison Borough	1417	Alloway Township	1701	New Providence Borough	2011
Allenhurst Borough	1302	Mendham Borough	1418	Carneys Point Township	1702	Plainfield City	2012
Allentown Borough	1303	Mendham Township	1419	Elmer Borough	1703	Rahway City	2013
Asbury Park City	1304	Mine Hill Township	1420	Elsinboro Township	1704	Roselle Borough	2014
Atlantic Highlands Bor.	1305	Montville Township	1421	Lower Alloways Crk. Twp.	1705	Roselle Park Borough	2015
Avon-by-the-Sea Bor.	1306	Morris Plains Borough	1423	Mannington Township	1706	Scotch Plains Township	2016
Belmar Borough	1307	Morris Township	1422	Oldmans Township	1707	Springfield Township	2017
Bradley Beach Borough	1308	Morristown Town	1424	Penns Grove Borough	1708	Summit City	2018
Brielle Borough	1309	Mountain Lakes Borough	1425	Pennsville Township	1709	Union Township	2019
Colts Neck Township	1310	Mt. Arlington Borough	1426	Pilesgrove Township	1710	Westfield Town	2020
Deal Borough	1311	Mt. Olive Township	1427	Pittsgrove Township	1711	Winfield Township	2021
Eatontown Borough	1312	Netcong Borough	1428	Quinton Township	1712	WARREN COUNTY	
Englishtown Borough	1313	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.	1429	Salem City	1713	Allamuchy Township	2101
Fair Haven Borough	1314	Pequanock Township	1431	Upper Pittsgrove Twp.	1714	Alpha Borough	2102
Farmingdale Borough	1315	Randolph Township	1432	Woodstown Borough	1715	Belvidere Town	2103
Freehold Borough	1316	Riverdale Borough	1433	SOMERSET COUNTY			
Freehold Township	1317	Rockaway Borough	1434	Bedminster Township	1801	Blairstown Township	2104
Hazlet Township	1318	Rockaway Township	1435	Bernards Township	1802	Franklin Township	2105
Highlands Borough	1319	Roxbury Township	1436	Bernardsville Borough	1803	Frelinghuysen Township	2106
Holmdel Township	1320	Victory Gardens Borough	1437	Bound Brook Borough	1804	Greenwich Township	2107
Howell Township	1321	Washington Township	1438	Branchburg Township	1805	Hackettstown Town	2108
Interlaken Borough	1322	Wharton Borough	1439	Bridgewater Township	1806	Hardwick Township	2109
Keansburg Borough	1323	OCEAN COUNTY		Far Hills Borough	1807	Harmony Township	2110
Keyport Borough	1324	Barneget Township	1501	Franklin Township	1808	Hope Township	2111
Lake Como Borough	1346	Barneget Light Borough	1502	Green Brook Township	1809	Independence Township	2112
Little Silver Borough	1325	Bay Head Borough	1503	Hillsborough Township	1810	Knowlton Township	2113
Loch Arbour Village	1326	Beach Haven Borough	1504	Manville Borough	1811	Liberty Township	2114
Long Branch City	1327	Beachwood Borough	1505	Millstone Borough	1812	Lopatcong Township	2115
Manalapan Township	1328	Berkeley Township	1506	Montgomery Township	1813	Mansfield Township	2116
Manasquan Borough	1329	Brick Township	1507	North Plainfield Borough	1814	Oxford Township	2117
Marlboro Township	1330	Eagleswood Township	1509	Peapack & Gladstone Bor.	1815	Phillipsburg Town	2119
Matawan Borough	1331	Harvey Cedars Borough	1510	Raritan Borough	1816	Pohatcong Township	2120
Middletown Township	1332	Island Heights Borough	1511	Rocky Hill Borough	1817	Washington Borough	2121
Millstone Township	1333	Jackson Township	1512	Somerville Borough	1818	Washington Township	2122
		Lacey Township	1513	South Bound Brook Bor.	1819	White Township	2123
		Lakehurst Borough	1514	Warren Township	1820		
		Lakewood Township	1515	Watchung Borough	1821		

When You Need Information...

by phone...

Call the Homestead Benefit Hotline

1-888-238-1233 — Speak to a representative for information or assistance.

Call our Automated Tax Information System

1-800-323-4400 — (within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD) or **609-826-4400**. Touch-tone phones only. Listen to recorded information or order certain tax forms and publications through our message system.

Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, Speech Disability

Visit njrelay.com or call 711.

online...

Division of Taxation website:

nj.gov/taxation

Obtain forms and publications.

Email: **nj.homesteadbenefit@treas.nj.gov**

NJ Tax E-News online information service:

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/listservic.shtml

write to...

New Jersey Division of Taxation

Homestead Benefit

PO Box 900

Trenton, New Jersey 08646-0900

in person...

Visit a Regional Information Center

Call the Automated Tax Information System or visit our website for the address of the center nearest you.

Important Things You Need to Know...

- Report your income from all sources for the **entire year** – except income that is exempt from New Jersey Income Tax.
- Do not report exempt income such as Social Security Benefits, unemployment, or U.S. military pensions.

Checklist...

- File by November 30, 2021.
- File only for the property you owned and occupied as your main home on October 1, 2018.
- If you sold or plan to sell your home, see the box on page 2.
- Use only blue or black ink when completing the application.
- Enter your Identification Number and PIN in the boxes on the application.
- If you are filing without an Identification Number and PIN, include proof of ownership on October 1, 2018, or documentation establishing your right to occupy the property.
- Indicate whether or not you or your spouse/civil union partner were 65 or older or blind or disabled on the last day of the 2018 Tax Year, and include documentation if you were.
- Report combined income if you and your spouse/civil union partner file separate returns but maintain the same main home.
- If you received a Homestead Benefit information mailer for the correct property but the name needs to be changed for any reason, fill in the oval at line 11.
- If you are a widow(er)/surviving civil union partner and both your name and your deceased spouse's/civil union partner's name are on the preprinted Homestead Benefit information mailer, see page 1 for information.
- Sign and date your application. Both spouses/civil union partners must sign a joint application. Keep a copy for your records.
- Send only one application per envelope, even if several people in the same house (e.g., multiple owners) are filing applications.