



California State Controller Betty T. Yee Property Tax Postponement Program

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Assistance with 2018-19 Property Taxes

The Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program allows homeowners who are seniors, are blind, or have a disability to apply to defer payment of property taxes on their principal residence. The applicant must own the home and occupy it as their primary residence, and meet several other requirements.

Applications will be available September 1 and may be filed with the State Controller's Office beginning October 1.

Here are simple ways you can help homeowners find out if they are eligible for assistance through the PTP Program:

1. Tailor these sample messages for newsletters, emails, websites, Facebook, and Twitter

- Need assistance with your residential property taxes? The State Controller's Property Tax Postponement Program may be able to help. To learn more about the program, call (800) 952-5661 or email postponement@sco.ca.gov.
- Property tax deferral is available for some CA homeowners. Last year, California homeowners received more than \$2.8 million in property tax relief. Learn more at www.sco.ca.gov/ardtax_prop_tax_postponement.html. Questions? Contact the State Controller's Office at (800) 952-5661 or postponement@sco.ca.gov.
- Property tax deferral is available for some CA homeowners who are seniors, are blind, or have a disability. For details, search "PTP" at www.sco.ca.gov or call (800) 952-5661.
- Applications for the State Controller's Property Tax Postponement Program will be available September 1. To find out more about the program, visit www.sco.ca.gov/ardtax_prop_tax_postponement.html or call (800) 952-5661.

2. Distribute flyers or mail inserts

The State Controller's team created flyers in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Tagalog that you can photocopy and hand out at community events. This flyer also is available in a smaller, two-sided version that fits in a standard letter envelope.

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***** Sample Newsletter or Website Article *****

California Offers Property Tax Deferment for Some Homeowners

With the rising cost of living in California, everyone knows someone who is trying to make ends meet. The challenge is greatest for retirees on a fixed income and people with a disability that prevents them from working. Now California offers tax deferment for some of these vulnerable homeowners.

State Controller Betty T. Yee administers the Property Tax Postponement (PTP) Program to allow many homeowners who are seniors, are blind, or have a disability to defer payment of residential property taxes. Applicants must also meet income, equity, and other requirements. These deferred taxes accrue simple interest at a rate of 7 percent a year and become due if the homeowner moves or sells the property, transfers title, refinances, dies, obtains a reverse mortgage, or defaults on a senior lien. A lien will be placed on the property until the account is paid in full.

PTP participants must reapply each year to demonstrate they continue to meet eligibility requirements. The application filling period for the 2018-19 tax year runs October 1, 2018, through February 10, 2019. Funds are limited and will be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the PTP program, search "PTP" at www.sco.ca.gov, call (800) 952-5661, or email postponement@sco.ca.gov for more information.