

Polish American Social Services "PASS"

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Main Office:

308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106
Open Monday to Friday • 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Telephone: (215) 923-1900

Outreach Services in and around the Philadelphia area

If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Clients wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

State of Pennsylvania Property Tax Rent Rebate Program

To help with the rising costs of living, you can apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

READ THIS ARTICLE CAREFULLY TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A REBATE!

This rebate program is a "look back" program. This means that to calculate a rebate, you calculate the property taxes or rent the household paid and the income you received during the last calendar year.



Who is eligible for a rebate?

There are many different individuals that may qualify for a rebate. They must fall into one of the categories below and meet certain income guidelines.

- A person or their spouse that is 65 years of age or older, or
- Widows or widowers 50 years of age or older, or
- Permanently DISABLED individuals 18 years of age or older.

What are the income guidelines and how much of a rebate is expected?

For Homeowners :

	Income Range	Rebate Amount
\$ 0	- \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001	- \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001	- \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001	- \$35,000	\$250

For Renters:

	Income Range	Rebate Amount
\$ 0	- \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001	- \$15,000	\$500

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ONLY COUNT ONE- HALF OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT TIER 1 BENEFITS WHEN CALCULATING ELIGIBILITY INCOME.

For example, if your gross Social Security income for last year was \$20,000, the Property Tax Rent Rebate Program would count only \$10,000 toward eligibility requirements. All other income such as salary, IRA payouts, pensions, dividends or interest is counted at 100%.

Do I ever have to repay this rebate or will a lien be placed on the property?

No. Absolutely NOT! No Lien is placed on the property nor does the rebate have to be repaid. Furthermore the rebate is not considered as income for any other program.

Who do I call if I have questions or how can I get an application?

For more information, to get an application or to get help completing the application call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

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An Introduction to the 2010 Census Counting Everyone Once-and Only Once-and In the Right Place

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$3 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Operations in Progress in Area Neighborhoods

The countdown to Census Day is underway. Early local census offices are open in Philadelphia, Penn.; Camden, N.J.; Trenton, N.J., and New Castle County, Del. Additional local census offices are opening in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in the fall.

Address canvassing efforts began in April. Locally hired census employees are walking every street in America verifying 145 million addresses and updating the 2010 Census address list. This operation ensures the U.S. Census Bureau will have an accurate list from which to mail or hand-deliver the census questionnaires in the spring of 2010.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian, as well as language guides in 59 languages, will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations.

Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation, our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more, are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at: www.census.gov/2010census.



"PASS" works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA's helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

www.PCACares.org

For information about PASS and its outreach services, visit us at: PolishAmericanSocialServices.com