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Property tax relief program deadline extended

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Elderly residents and New Jerseyans with disabilities will have an additional four months to apply for Senior Freeze property tax relief.

The Christie administration has announced it is extending the June 1 deadline to Oct. 15 so that more residents who meet the requirements can apply, the treasurer's office said in a statement.

Those who apply before June should receive their checks in July, the treasurer said, while those who file after June 1 will be "processed as quickly as possible."

The state routinely extends the deadline for the program, which last year paid out, on average, \$1,200 to more than 172,000 residents, according to the treasurer's office.

To be eligible for the Senior Freeze program, a resident must be 65 or older or must be receiving Social Security benefits and have lived in the state for 10 years. Other requirements, including income limits, also apply.

For more information or to request an application, residents can call the Senior Freeze hotline at 800-882-6597 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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