

MATJHABENG



MUNICIPALITY

LOCAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY RATES EXEMPTIONS, REBATES AND REDUCTIONS

The process of Rebates and Reduction applications will be open as from 15 May to 20 June 2014

In an effort to assist the Property Owners of MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY in payment of municipal rates, the municipality is sensitive to the needs of its people and has agreed to give relief to all qualifying registered Property Owners. Relief will also be granted to different Categories of properties in line with the approved Matjhabeng Municipal Property Rates Policy together with Section 15,16,17,18 and 19 of the Municipal Property Rates Act No.6 of 2004

1. Retired and Disabled Persons Rate Rebate

To qualify for the rebate a property owner must:-

- a. occupy the property as his/her normal residence;
- b. be at least 60 years of age or in receipt of a disability pension from the Department of Welfare and Population Development;
- c. be in receipt of a total monthly income from all sources as annually determined by the municipality (including income of spouses of owner);
- d. not be the owner of more than one property; and
- e. provided that where the owner is unable to occupy the property due to no fault of his/her own, the spouse or minor children may satisfy the occupancy requirement.

Property owners must apply on a prescribed application form for a rebate as determined by the municipality.

Applications must be accompanied by-

- a. a certified copy of the identity document or any other proof of the owners age which is acceptable to the municipality;
- b. sufficient proof of income of the owner and his/her spouse;
- c. an affidavit from the owner;
- d. if the owner is a disabled person proof of a disability pension payable by the state must be supplied; and
- e. if the owner has retired at an earlier stage for medical reasons proof thereof must be submitted.
- f. Latest municipal rates account.

2. Child headed families

Families headed by children will receive a 100% rebate for paying rates, according to monthly household income. To qualify for this rebate the head of the family must:-

- a. occupy the property as his/her normal residence;
- b. not be older than 18 years of age;
- c. still be a scholar or jobless; and
- d. be in receipt of a total monthly income from all sources not exceeding an amount to be determined annually by the Municipality. For the 2014/2015 financial year this amount is determined as R2 160 per month.

3. Business, commercial and industrial properties

- i. The municipality may grant rebates to rateable enterprises that promote local, social and economic development in its area of jurisdiction. The following criteria will apply:-
 - a. job creation in the municipal area;
 - b. social upliftment of the local community; and
 - c. creation of infrastructure for the benefit of the community.
- ii. A maximum rebate as annually determined by the municipality will be granted on approval, subject to:-
 - a. a business plan issued by the directors, land owner, legal person of the company indicating how the local, social and economic development objectives of the municipality are going to be met;
 - b. a continuation plan issued by the directors and certified by auditors of the company stating that the objectives have been met in the first year after establishment and how the company plan to continue to meet the objectives; and
 - c. an assessment by the municipal manager or his/her nominee indicating that the company qualifies.

4. Privately owned towns serviced by the owner

The municipality grants an additional rebate, to be determined on an annual basis, which applies to privately owned towns serviced by the owner qualifying as defined in clause 2.14 of Property Rates Policy. If the rebate applied for is granted, the rebate will apply for the full financial year. For the 2014/2015 financial year the rebate is determined as 20%.

5. Public Benefit Organizations (PBO's)

Taking into account the effects of rates on PBOs performing a specific public benefit activity and registered in terms of the Income Tax Act for tax reduction because of those activities

To qualify for the rebate a property owner must:-

Public benefit organizations must attach a SARS tax exemption certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services (SARS) as contemplated in Part 1 of the Ninth Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (No 58 of 1962) to all applications.

All prescribed application forms must be addressed in writing to the:

**APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY RATES EXEMPTIONS, REBATES AND REDUCTIONS,
Matjhabeng municipality**

Valuation Department

Ground Floor No.1 Reinet Street,

Welkom

or email to Hendrik.nomazele@matjhabeng.co.za,

Fax 086 647 5639 on or before **20 JUNE 2014** for the financial year in respect of which the date is levied (2014/2015).

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