# Go Get Your Money!

## Updates to MN's Renter Property Tax Refund

Presented by HOME Line with support from a grant from the Department of Revenue



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# HOME Line Staff are not tax experts and this is not tax advice

Please reach out to tax experts if you need support in filing your taxes



# What is HOME Line?

- HOME Line is a statewide nonprofit organization providing free legal, educational, and advocacy services to Minnesota renters. We have advised over 335,000 renters since 1992.
- Our primary program is a free and confidential legal hotline any Minnesota renter can contact us to receive legal advice specific to their situation, in 4 languages.

HOME Line has a staff of 24, including attorneys, tenant advocates, and tenant organizers. We also rely on volunteers and interns.

# What is HOME Line?

HOME Line Tenant Hotline: 612-728-5767 Toll-free: 866-866-3546

- Para Español, llame al 612-255-8870
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- Hais lus Hmoob, Hu 612-255-7104
  Online: *homelinemn.org/email*

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As a renter in Minnesota, a portion of your rent is used by your landlord to pay their property taxes. Many renters are able to get this portion refunded to them by using information from a tax form called a Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP) to fill out a portion on their Income Taxes

There are a few things that you need to have to receive a CRP and get a refund through your taxes.

- You have to have a Social Security Number (SSN) or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number ITIN
- You have to be a MN resident
- You live in a property that you rented and the owner paid property tax
- Your household made less than \$73,270 in 2023
  - You are not listed as a dependent on someone else's tax return

Not every renter will qualify for a refund.

The average refund for qualified renters is \$731

# What you receive may be more or less than this

## **Keep An Eye Out!**

As a tenant you should receive a Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP) for every MN rental property you lived in during 2024.

CRP's start being sent out in January and you should be sent one by your property owner or management by January 31st.

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2024 CRP, Certificate of Rent Paid

Renter/Unit Information

Your CRP should have this letterhead, so if you see this double check what it is before you throw it away!

You will need all the information on this to file for your refund

#### Rent does include

- Medical Assistance
- MN Housing Support
- state or county vendor payments
- For garage, parking spaces, and storage lockers if included in the lease
  - For utilities or pets, if included in rent
    - by the city due to relocation



## Rent does not include

- Damage deposit, unless used to pay rent
  - Late charges or fees
  - Rent paid after Dec. 31, 2024
  - Utilities, if paid separately from rent
- Rent paid by a federal government housing agency or federal program, such as Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program or HUD
  - A garage or separate structure not provided in the lease
    - Emergency Rental Assistance
    - Free rent provided as a move-in incentive

If you do not receive a CRP by February 1st, or believe that the listed amount of rent you paid is incorrect, contact your landlord. If they do not respond, contact the Department of Revenue to request a Rent Paid Affidavit (RPA)

Phone: 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 Email: individual.incometax@state.mn.us

# **O2** What It Used To Be





Before legislative changes in 2023, when taxes were filed, tenants would file a Renter's Property Tax Refund return (Form M1PR).

- The refund would typically be filed separately from income taxes
  - some tax services did allow for it to be filed all together, but it was difficult to navigate
- Deadline for filing was August 15
- Refunds for this would be received in late summer

These processes are all changing for your 2024 taxes

# **03** 2024 Tax Filing Changes

# Filing 2024 Taxes

The changes that we will be seeing to the Renter's Tax Credits include:

- Filing the Renter's Credit as part of your Minnesota Individual Income Tax Return
- Receiving your refund all at once in the spring
- Deadline for filing will be April 15
- Likely an increased refund amount



If you do not file your 2024 Renter's Credit with your general tax filing, you will not receive your refund.

## **New Tax Forms**

- 2024 Form M1, Individual Income Tax
- 2024 Schedule M1RENT, Renter's Credit
- 2024 Schedule M1REF, Refundable Credits

These forms are available at: <u>https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/draft-forms-and-instructions</u> They can be found underneath the Individual Income Tax dropdown list

### 2024 Form M1, Individual Income Tax

four First Name and Initial		Last Name		Your Social Security Numb	er Your D	ate of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
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ity		State ZIP Code		County		
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#### 2024 Schedule M1RENT, Renter's Credit

To claim this credit, you must be a full-year or part-year Minnesota resident. If you are a mobile home owner and received a certificate of rent paid for lot rental only, do not complete this schedule.

100111	rst Name and Initial	Last Name	Your Social Security Number
Check	if, in 2024, you were:		
	Married filing separately and lived together with your	spouse (see instructions)	
<b></b>	A resident of a nursing home or adult foster care (see	instructions)	
1 1	Line 1 of Form M1		
2 1	f you are married filing separately, enter your spouse	e's adjusted gross income	
1	for the time they lived with you (see instructions)		
3	Add lines 1 and 2. If you were a full-year resident, skip	p line 4 and enter this amount on li	ne 5 3
4 1	ncome you received while a nonresident		
5 5	Subtract line 4 from line 3		
6 5	Subtraction for 65 or older (born before January 2, 19	60) or disabled:	
1	f you (or your spouse if filing a joint return) are age 6	5 or older or are disabled, enter \$5	5,050: 6 🗖
	Check the box if you or your spouse are: (A) 65 c	or Older (B)Disabled	
7 1	Dependent subtraction: Enter your subtraction for de	pendents (use the table in the instr	ructions)
8	Add lines 6 and 7		
9	Household income. Subtract line 8 from line 5. If less than zero, enter 0		9
10	Enter total rent from line 3 of your Certificates of Ren	nt Paid (CRPs) (include a copy of you	ur CRPs) 10 🔳
11	Multiply line 10 by 17% (0.17)		11
12	Using the amounts from lines 9 and 11, find the amou	unt from the renter's refund table	
	and enter the result here. If you had an amount on lir		
	Otherwise, include the amount from this line on line	4 of Schedule M1REF	12 🔳
13	Total amount from line A of all CRPs		13 🔳
14	Add lines 5 and 13.		
15	Divide line 5 by line 14 (round to the nearest five deci	imal places)	15
16	Multiply line 12 by line 15. Enter the result here and o	on line 4 of Schedule M1REF	16 🔳

#### 2024 Schedule M1RENT, Renter's Credit

#### 2024 Schedule MIREF, Refundable Credits



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#### 2024 Schedule M1REF, Refundable Credits

tour	First Name and Initial	Last Name	Social Security Number			
1	Child and Dependent Care Credit (enclu	ose Schedule M1CD)				
		number of qualifying persons 1a				
2		ose Schedule M1CWFC)	2			
4		children for the Child Tax Credit 2a				
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		number of qualifying children 3a				
4	enter's Credit (enclose Schedule M1RENT)					
5	Credit for Parents of Stillborn Children (enclose Schedule M1PSC) 5					
6	Refundable credit for taxes paid to Wis	Refundable credit for taxes paid to Wisconsin (enclose Schedule M1RCR)				
7	Credit for Historic Structure Rehabilitat	tion (enclose certificate)	7			
		rk Service (NPS) project number 7a				
8	Enterprise Zone Credit (enclose DEED certificate)					
9	Angel Investment Credit (enclose DEED certificate)					
10	Pass-Through Entity Tax Credit (see inst	tructions)	10			
	Enter the Minnesota Tax ID Number an	d amount associated with each Pass-Through Ent	tity Credit.			
	If you claimed more than three Pass-Th	rough Entity Tax Credits, attach a statement to th	is form .			
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11	Claim of right (see instructions)		11 🔳			
12	Credit for Sustainable Aviation Fuel					
13	Add lines 1 through 12. Enter the result	t here and on line 22 of Form M1	13			
	must include this schedule with yo					

## The Differences, One More Time



- Renter's Credit was filed through a separate form
- Refunds were received in late Summer/early Fall
- August deadline for filing



- Renter's Credit is filed with MN income tax return
- Refunds will be received in Spring with all other state refunds
- April deadline for filing

# **04** Tax Filing Resources

## **Tax Support Resources**

#### Prepare + Prosper

Free Tax prep for Individuals making less than 40K and for families making less than 70k

Will support folks who have SSNs and ITINs

Spanish speaking certified acceptance agents (CAAS) to get an ITIN or renew an existing one. Available for free under above guidelines

> Call: 651-287-0187

#### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Help prepare federal and state returns for free if eligible

You qualify if you make less than 64k, are 60 or older, speak limited English, are a person with a disability

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