INDIANA PROPERTY TAX BENEFITS

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INSTRUCTIONS:
(THIS FORM MUST BE PRINTED ON GOLD OR YELLOW PAPER)
Listed below are certain deductions and credits that are available to lower property taxes in Indiana. Taxpayers may claim these benefits by filing an application with the Auditor in the County where the property is situated. The previous tax bill will facilitate filing, but it is not required.

Applications for deductions against real property must be filed during the year in which the deduction is sought to be effective for taxes payable in the following year. The filing deadline for deduction applications for mobile homes and manufactured homes that are not assessed as real property is the twelve months before March 31, unless noted below.

The deduction will appear on the tax bill the year following the assessment date. For additional information on these and other benefits, please consult Indiana Code §§ 6-1.1-12 and 6-1.1-20.9.

Note: The Sales Disclosure Form is not an application for the Homestead, or any other relevant deductions, for an annually assessed mobile or manufactured home.

DEDUCTION (Indiana Code)	MAXIMUM AMOUNT ***	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	APPLICATION FORM AND VERIFICATION (PROOF) REQUIRED	RESTRICTIONS WHEN COMBINING WITH OTHER DEDUCTIONS***
Homestead Credit (6-1.1-20.9-2) *	A designated percentage of net tax bill * (PL 146-2008 Sec. 848 grants an owner entitled to homestead credit for 2007 pay 2008 an additional homestead credit and section 849 gives those entitled to the standard deduction for 2008 pay 2009 a homestead credit.)	1) individual must own or be buying a homestead under contract which provides buyer is to pay taxes; 2) with respect to real property, or a mobile or manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the individual must own the real property, mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property, or be buying under contract on the date the application form is filed; 3) a taxpayer other than individual may apply for the credit if an individual uses the residence as the individual's principal place of residence, the residence is located in Indiana, the individual has a beneficial interest in taxpayer, taxpayer owns or is buying under recorded contract that requires taxpayer to pay taxes and the residence consists of a single family dwelling, including mobile and manufactured homes, and the real estate surrounding the dwelling cannot exceed one acre;	Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or State Form 5473 Previous tax bill will facilitate filing.	None

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Homestead Standard Deduction (6-1.1-12-37)	Until 12/31/2008: $45,000 (PL 146-2008 Sec. 116 grants an individual entitled to the standard deduction a supplemental deduction for taxes due and payable in 2009) (See Below) **Note:** As of January 1, 2009, the amount of the standard deduction is the lesser of: (1) sixty-percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property, or (2) forty five thousand dollars ($45,000).	Until 12/31/08: A person entitled to receive the homestead credit for taxes payable in the following year is entitled to a standard deduction for the assessed value of the real property, mobile home or manufactured home that qualifies for the homestead credit. (See above). Law as of 1/1/09: 1) residential real property improvements located in Indiana that an individual uses as the individual's principal residence, including a mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property; 2) As of March 1, or in the case of a mobile home that is assessed as personal property, the immediately following January 15, property must be owned, occupied by tenant-stockholder of cooperative housing corporation, or under contract to purchase that provides that the buyer is to pay the property taxes; 3) consists of dwelling and real estate not to exceed one acre surrounding the dwelling; 4) one standard deduction per married couple or individual.	Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or DLGF Form HC10 (State Form 5473). One form filed for both the Homestead Credit and the Standard Deduction.	
Supplemental Homestead Deduction (PL 146-2008 Sec. 116) **(Effective on January 1, 2009 and applies to property taxes first due in 2009 and thereafter.)** **(6-1.1-27-37.5)**	Equal to the Sum of the Following: (1) thirty-five percent (35%) of the assessed value that is less than six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000). (2) twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed value that is more than six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000).	A person who is entitled to a standard deduction from the assessed value of property under IC 6-1.1-12-37 is also entitled to receive a supplemental deduction from the assessed value of the homestead to which the standard deduction applies after the application of the standard deduction but before the application of any other deduction, exemption, or credit for which the person is eligible.	Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or DLGF Form HC10 (State Form 5473). One form filed for both the Homestead Credit and the Standard Deduction.	This deduction must not be considered in applying the limits in IC 6-1.1-12-40.5, which states that the sum of the deductions provided to an annually assessed mobile home or manufactured home may not exceed one-half (1/2) of its assessed value.

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Solar Energy Heating or Cooling Systems (6-1.1-12-26) **Wind Power Device** (6-1.1-12-29) **Hydroelectric Power Device** (6-1.1-12-33) **Geothermal Device** 6-1.1-12-34)	Assessed value (AV) with the device, less the AV without the device. In other words, the value of the device.	1) individual must own the real property or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or be buying on contract on the date the application is filed; 2) real property or mobile home not assessed as real property is equipped with a solar energy system or wind power device; hydroelectric power device, or geothermal energy heating or cooling device; 3) with respect to real property, file during the year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction, and with respect to mobile home which is not assessed as real property file during the 12 months before March 31 of each year for which the deduction is sought.	**Solar:** Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or State Form 18865 **Wind:** Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or State Form 18865 **Hydroelectric:** Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or State Form 18865 Certificate of Qualification from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). IDEM certification may be obtained by mailing copy of State form to IDEM , 100 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204 **Geothermal:** Sales Disclosure Form 46021 or State Form 18865 Indiana Department of Environmental Management certification (IDEM). IDEM certification may be obtained by mailing State form to IDEM 100 N. Senate Ave. ,Office of Water Quality, 65-40 Geothermal, Indianapolis, IN 46204	PARTIALLY - These deductions may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT the Over 65 Deduction.

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Mortgage (6-1.1-12-1)	The lesser of: (1) $3,000; (2) amount of mortgage or contract indebtedness on assessment date of that year; or (3) one half (1/2) of the total assessed value.	1) must be resident of Indiana; 2) on the date the statement is filed, owns or is contract purchasing real property, mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property ; 3) property located in Indiana; 4) owes a debt secured by a mortgage or recorded contract on the real property or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property, which provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes; 5) for real property, file during the year for which the deduction is sought and for mobile or manufactured homes not assessed as real property, file during the twelve months before March 31 of the year for which the deduction is sought, if mailed the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing; 6) contract buyer must submit copy of memorandum of the recorded contract, containing a legal description with the first statement filed under this deduction.	State Form 43709 **Note:** A new application must be filed whenever a loan on real estate is refinanced.	None
Over 65 (6.1.1-12-9)	$12,480	1) on the date of filing, the person owns or is buying the real property, mobile or manufactured home which is not assessed as real property under a contract that provides buyer to pay taxes ; 2) individual is at least 65 by December 31 of the year preceding the application year; 3) combined adjusted gross income not exceeding $25,000; 4) the individual has owned the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home for at least one (1) year before claiming the deduction; 5) assessed property value not exceeding $182,430; 6) Surviving, un-remarried spouse at least 60 years of age if deceased was 65 at the time of death; 7) Individual receives no other property tax deduction for the year in which the deduction is claimed, except the deductions provided by sections IC 6-1.1-12-1, IC 6-1.1-12-37, and IC 6-1.1-12-38; and 8) the person: 1) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or 2) on the date the application for the deduction is filed, the person is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under contract.	State Form 43708 Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 for the previous calendar year. This requirement includes submitting the 1040 for the applicant and all co-owners.	PARTIALLY - May not claim any deductions other than the Mortgage and the Homestead Deductions.
Blind (6-1.1-12-11;12)	$12,480	1) individual is blind as defined in IC 12-7-2-21(1); 2) the real property, mobile or manufactured home is principally used and occupied by the individual as the individual's residence; 3) as of the date the statement is filed, individual owns real estate or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or is buying under a recorded contract provides buyer is to pay taxes; 4) taxable gross income does not exceed $17,000; and 5) with respect to real property, file during the year for which the individual seeks deduction and with respect to mobile or manufactured home, file during the 12 months before March 31 of the year for which deduction is sought.	State Form 43710 Proof of Blindness	PARTIALLY - These deductions may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT the Over 65 Deduction.

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Over 65 Circuit Breaker Credit (6-1.1-20.6-8.5)	Tax liability minus the product of tax for preceding year multiplied by 1.02.	1) qualified for standard deduction in preceding calendar year and qualifies in current year; 2) for single individual, adjusted gross income cannot exceed $30,000, for married couple adjusted gross income cannot exceed $40,000; 3) homestead qualifies as a "qualified homestead property" for the calendar year and filing requirements are met. (**"Qualified homestead property"** means the individual owns or is purchasing the homestead on contract or has beneficial interest, is or will be at least 65 on or before December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the taxes are due, and the gross adjusted value of the homestead on the assessment date is less than $160,000.) 4) with respect to real property, file during the year for which credit is sought; 5) with respect to mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property, file during the twelve months before March 31 of the year for which credit is sought; 6) file in same manner as for 6-1.1-12-9 (over 65 deduction); 7) applies to taxes due and payable after December 31, 2008.	State Form 43708 Internal Revenue Service Form 1040 for the previous calendar year for applicant and co-owner.	None
Disabled (6-1.1-12-11)	$12,480	1) A person is "disabled" if they are unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; 2) the real property, mobile or manufactured home is principally used and occupied by the individual as the individual's residence; 3) as of the date the statement is filed, individual owns real estate or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or is buying under a recorded contract that provides buyer is to pay taxes; 4) taxable gross income not exceeding $17,000; and 5) with respect to real property, file during the year for which the individual seeks deduction and with respect to mobile or manufactured home, file during the 12 months before March 31 of the year for which deduction is sought.	State Form 43710 Proof of Disability: proof that applicant is eligible to receive disability benefits under the federal Social Security Act constitutes proof for purposes of this section; however, an individual with a disability not so covered must be examined by a physician under the same standards as used by Social Security Administration.	PARTIALLY - These deductions may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT the Over 65 Deduction.
Disabled Veteran (6-1.1-12-14;15)	$12,480**	1) as of the date the statement is filed, owns real estate or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or is buying under a contract that requires buyer to pay taxes; 2) served in U.S. military service for at least 90 days and honorably discharged; 3) either totally disabled or at least age 62 with at least 10% disability; 4) written evidence of the disability; and 5) assessed value of real and personal property combined is not greater than $143,160; 6) with respect to real property, file during the year for which deduction is sought and with respect to mobile or manufactured home, file during the 12 months before March 31 of the year for which deduction is sought. 7) surviving spouse may apply;	State Form 12662 Either VA Form 20-5455 Code 1 In Item #15; Pension Certificate; Award of Compensation from VA or DOD; or Certificate of eligibility from IN Dept of VA.	PARTIALLY - These deductions may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT the Over 65 Deduction.

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Veteran with Service Connected Disability **(6-1.1-12-13;15)**	$24,960**	1) as of date the statement is filed, individual owns real estate or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or is buying on recorded contract that requires buyer to pay tax; 2) honorable discharge after serving in U.S. military during a war; 3) service connected disability of at least 10% with written evidence of disability; 4) with respect to real property, file during the year for which the deduction is sought, and with respect to mobile or manufactured home, file during the 12 months before March 31 of the year for which deduction is sought. 5) surviving spouse may apply;	State Form 12662 Either VA Form 20-5455 Code 2 In Item #15; Pension Certificate; Award of Compensation from VA or DOD; or Certificate of eligibility from IN Dept of VA.	PARTIALLY - This deduction may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT Surviving Spouse of WW I Veteran Deduction.
Veteran World War I **(6-1.1-12-17.4)**	$18,720**	1) as of date the statement is filed, resident of Indiana owns or is buying real estate or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or is buying on recorded contract that requires buyer to pay tax, but may not be denied deduction if absent from principal place of residence while in nursing home or hospital; 2) veteran of World War I; 3) assessed value of the residence property does not exceed $206,500; and 4) ownership of the real estate for at least one year prior to claiming deduction.	State Form 12662 Letter from VA or Department of Defense; or Discharge Documents.	PARTIALLY - This deduction may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT the Over 65 Deduction.
Surviving Spouse of World War I Veteran **(6-1.1-12-16;17)**	$18,720**	1) as of date the statement is filed, surviving spouse owns real estate or mobile or manufactured home not assessed as real property or is buying on recorded contract that requires buyer to pay tax; 2) spouse of deceased person who served in the U.S. military before November 12, 1918; 3) honorable discharge; and 4) not claiming the Deduction for Disabled Veterans or Surviving Spouses. 5) with respect to real property, file during the year for which the surviving spouse wishes to obtain the deduction and with respect to mobile or manufactured homes, file during the 12 months before March 31 of each year for which deduction is desired.	State Form 12662 Letter from VA or Department of Defense; or Discharge Documents.	PARTIALLY - This deduction may be claimed with all other deductions EXCEPT the Over 65 Deduction and Veteran with Service Connected Disability.

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Specific deduction claim forms are available from the county auditor or on the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance website: http://www.in.gov/icpr/webfile/formsdiv/dlgf.html

By signing below, customer acknowledges receipt of the Indiana Tax Benefits Form.

Customer Verification Signature	
Please Print Name	Date (*month, day, year*)