

## *Property Tax/Rent Rebates*

Residents may be eligible to receive a rebate on part of the money paid for property taxes or rent during a calendar year. Payments range up to \$650 depending on the claimant's income level (a maximum of \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters) and actual taxes or rent paid. To be eligible, residents must be 65 years of age or older, widows or widowers 50 years of age and over, or permanently disabled persons 18 and over who meet Social Security disability requirements and whose household income does not exceed \$15,000. Applications are available from the Department of Revenue district offices, legislative offices, Area Agencies on Aging offices, by calling 1-800-362-2050 or by visiting [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us).

## *PACE/PACENET (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly)*

Prescription drug benefits are available for Pennsylvania residents who are 65 or older. Income (from the previous year) limits are: PACE -- \$14,500 or less for a single person and \$17,700 or less for a married couple; and PACENET -- \$14,500 to \$23,500 for a single person and \$17,700 to \$31,500 for a married couple. There is a modest co-pay for prescriptions. Enrollment applications are available at Area Agency on Aging offices, pharmacies, legislative offices and senior centers, by calling 1-800-225-7223 or by visiting [www.aging.state.pa.us](http://www.aging.state.pa.us).

## *Recreational Opportunities*

- ◆ Most communities have an Area Agency on Aging-supported senior community center that provides social activities, recreation, education, creative arts, physical health programs and nutritious meals for older residents. For information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging office.
- ◆ There are two regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. They are located at the Free Library of Philadelphia, 919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19107, 1-800-222-1754, and at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4724 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213, 1-800-242-0586.
- ◆ There is free admission to all Pennsylvania state parks, and reduced camping fees for persons over 65 are available Sunday through Thursday. For information, contact any Pennsylvania State Park Office or the Bureau of State Parks at 1-888-727-2757 or visit [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateParks](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateParks).
- ◆ Pennsylvania residents 65 years of age and older are eligible for reduced admission fees to Pennsylvania State Historical and Museum Commission museums and other properties. For information, call (717) 787-2723, or visit [www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us).

Please feel free to contact my office if you need help in accessing these services.

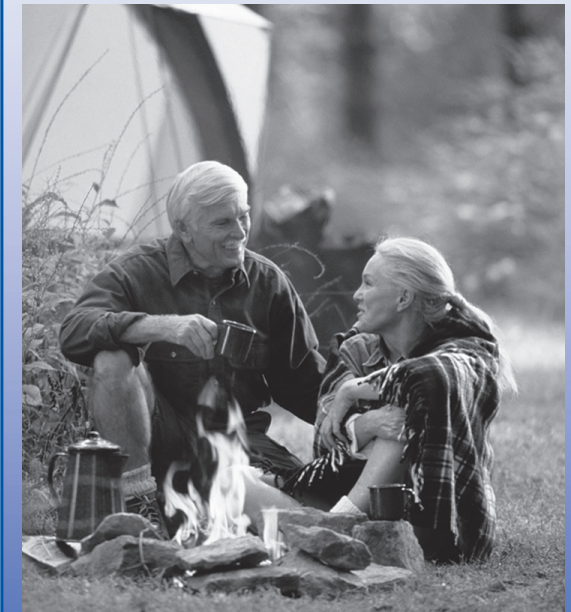
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# Benefits for Senior Citizens

## *A Pocket Guide*



*Are you or a loved one age 65 or over?*

*Here are details on a few of Pennsylvania's most helpful senior programs.*

Pennsylvania has one of the largest older adult population in the nation. I'm proud of the several state programs in place to assist our senior citizens. This guide details some of the programs that are available. My district office is ready to help you or an older loved one with information and applications. Don't hesitate to call if we can be of assistance in any way.

#### **Reduced Automobile Registration**

Any Pennsylvania resident who is retired and receiving Social Security or other pension and annuities that do not exceed \$19,200 annually is eligible to register a passenger vehicle or light truck (9,000 pounds or less) for a \$10 handling fee instead of the usual registration fee. To obtain the required form (MV-371), contact a local notary, an Area Agency on Aging office or the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, at 1-800-932-4600 or visit [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us).

#### **Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

Persons 65 and older can purchase hunting and fishing licenses at reduced rates. Free fishing licenses are available for Pennsylvania veterans with 100 percent service-connected disabilities. To obtain a license, contact a sporting goods store, a county treasurer's office, the Pennsylvania Game Commission at (717) 787-4250, or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission at (717) 705-7800 or visit the PGC at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us).

#### **Transportation**

The Pennsylvania Free Transit Program provides free transit service on local bus routes, trolley and subways on fixed route services at all regular operating times on weekdays, weekends and holidays. Persons 65 and older are eligible for free rides if they hold a transit identification card. On SEPTA regional rail lines, seniors ride for just \$1. For more information, contact local transit operators or Free Transit Program for Senior Citizens at (717) 783-8025, or visit [www.aging.state.pa.us](http://www.aging.state.pa.us).

Reduced fares for transportation services are provided to eligible older residents utilizing Shared-Ride Transportation Services. Persons who are 65 and over may enroll in this program. For more information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging, a shared-ride transportation provider or the Shared-Ride Program at (717) 783-8025, or visit [www.aging.state.pa.us](http://www.aging.state.pa.us).

In addition, local Area Agency on Aging offices may provide transportation for older people who have special needs. For information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging office.

