

NOTICE TO MANITOBA HOMEOWNERS: 2025 Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC)

The Government of Manitoba has announced the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC) for 2025. It allows eligible homeowners to reduce their school taxes by as much as \$1,500.

Most eligible Manitoba homeowners will automatically have their principal residence declaration carried forward from last year and do not need to file a new declaration for the HATC. If you are unsure if you have self-declared or the status of your eligibility, consider the following options:

1. If you have not yet received your 2025 property tax bill and want to know if you will get the HATC

Check your **2024** property tax bill to see if you received the Manitoba Education Property Tax Credit Advance (EPTCA). This would have been an amount of \$350 or less. If you received the EPTCA in 2024 and there has been no change in ownership of your property, you will automatically receive the HATC on your tax bill.

Note that the EPTCA is a different credit than the Manitoba School Tax Rebate, which was a 50% rebate that also appeared on the 2024 property tax bill.

If you did not receive the EPTCA in 2024, you should confirm your eligibility for the HATC and self-declare your principal residence as instructed in section 2 below.

2. If you received your 2025 property tax bill and it does not have the HATC

Review the website at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/tao/hatc.html> and consider the eligibility criteria, including tools to help homeowners determine if they are eligible. Members of the public may also contact Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 (Winnipeg) or 1-866-626-4862 (toll-free).

If you think you are eligible, you should then contact your municipality to self-declare your principal residence if you have not already done so. The final deadline to self-declare is November 15, 2025, but you are encouraged to declare as early as possible. Your municipality will verify your information, and if you are eligible you will receive the credit in 2025.

3. If you don't self-declare your principal residence before November 15, 2025

Eligible homeowners who did not receive the HATC on their property tax bill or did not self-declare their principal residence to their municipality by November 15, 2025 can claim their credit on their 2025 income tax return.