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Filing Deadlines Extended for 2006 Homestead Rebate and Senior Freeze Program Applications

TRENTON – State Treasurer Bradley Abelow today announced that the deadline for senior and disabled homeowners to file 2006 homestead rebate applications has been extended to August 15, 2007. The deadline for filing a 2006 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) application has also been extended to August 15. The original deadline for applications for both relief programs was June 1, 2007.

“With the June deadline fast approaching, many seniors and disabled residents may still need time to submit their applications for property tax relief,” Treasurer Abelow said. “This extension provides additional filing time for both the Homestead Rebate and Senior Freeze programs,” he said.

New Jersey residents who owned a home as their principal residence on October 1, 2006, paid property taxes on that home, and meet certain income limits may be eligible for the 2006 homestead rebate. Applications for this program were mailed to senior and disabled homeowners beginning in late April, and are expected to be sent out to non-senior and non-disabled homeowners in July.

Homeowners who are 65 or older or disabled and have received a homestead rebate application but have not yet filed can do so by phone by calling 1-877-658-2972, or they can file online through the Division of Taxation’s Web site at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation. The automated phone and Internet filing systems are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the filing period. Those homeowners aged 65 or older or disabled with questions about the homestead rebate, or who have not received a 2006 application and believe they are eligible, should call the Homestead Rebate Hotline at 1-888-238-1233. Representatives are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The homestead rebate application deadline has also been extended for all eligible tenants, whether they're seniors or disabled or not. The tenant rebate application (Form TR-1040), which is filed with the applicant's New Jersey income tax return, was due on April 17, 2007. For taxpayers who have already filed their 2006 New Jersey income tax returns, but did not complete the tenant rebate application even though they are eligible, the new filing deadline is August 15. Tenants who are not required to file a New Jersey income tax return, or who are filing their return under extension can still file only Form TR-1040 to apply for a homestead rebate, and have until October 31 to do so.

Information about who is eligible for the 2006 homestead rebate for tenants and the rebate application, are available on the Division of Taxation's Web site at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/06hrngeninf.htm. Tenants who need to speak to a Division representative can contact the Customer Service Center at 609-292-6400 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on the 2006 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Program, or to obtain an application, residents can contact the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline at 1-800-882-6597 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information about the Senior Freeze Program is also available on the Division of Taxation's Web site at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.htm.

Checks for senior and disabled homeowners who file their applications by June 1 are scheduled to be mailed in mid-July for the Senior Freeze and early August for the homestead rebate. Checks for senior or disabled homeowners who file applications after the original June 1 deadlines will be processed and delivered as quickly as possible thereafter. Homestead rebate checks for tenants, who file their applications with their income tax returns, are scheduled to be mailed in early August.

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