

# Deferral Application for Homeowners with Limited Income

## Chapter 84.37 RCW

Complete this application in its entirety and file along with all supporting documents at your county assessor’s office. File no later than September 1 in the year the taxes are due. For assistance, contact your county assessor at [dor.wa.gov/countycontacts](http://dor.wa.gov/countycontacts).

### County use only

Deferral number: \_\_\_\_\_ Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Approve/deny date: \_\_\_\_\_ Deny reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**This deferral application is for the second half of real property taxes due in the year.**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel or account number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Applicant information

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/domestic partner or co-tenant name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Other occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different than residence address): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Ownership and occupancy

Date property purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ Date property initially occupied: \_\_\_\_\_

I occupy the residence:  More than 6 months in a calendar year.  Less than 6 months in a calendar year.

## 3 Property information

Type of residence:

Single-family home  Single unit of a multi-unit dwelling duplex/condo  Mobile home

If mobile home, provide a copy of the Department of Licensing Certificate of Title or Title Elimination document.

**This residence includes:**

Less than or equal to one acre of land.

More than one acre of land.

If more than one acre, list the zoning regulation for your parcel.

**Homeowners insurance:**  Yes  No

If yes, provide a copy of your most recent Fire and Casualty Insurance policy and/or statement. See the instructions for more information regarding homeowners insurance.

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**Liens and obligations (include balance as of January 1)**

Reverse Mortgage	Yes	No \$
1st Mortgage	Yes	No \$
2nd Mortgage	Yes	No \$
Special assessments	Yes	No \$
Other liens, HELOC, etc.	Yes	No \$

**4 Combined disposable income**

**Year:**

Total combined disposable income from the [Combined Disposable Income Worksheet](#): \$  
(See instructions. Submit your completed worksheet with this application.)

**5 Certification**

By signing this form, I confirm that I:

- Understand that any deferred real property taxes and/or special assessments, with interest, are a lien upon this property and the lien becomes due when:
  - I transfer ownership of your property to someone else.
  - I no longer permanently reside at the residence.
  - My property is condemned.
  - I no longer maintain a fire and casualty insurance policy naming the Washington State Department of Revenue as a loss payee in an amount that is sufficient to protect the interest of the state, and the deferred amount exceeds 100% of my equity in only the land value.
  - I die. Unless my surviving spouse, domestic partner, heir, or devisee is at least 57 years old, meets the qualifications for the deferral, and files an application with the county assessor within 90 days of your death.
- Understand that future deferrals are not automatic and I must renew my application to defer property taxes in a future year.
- Understand the annual interest rate on deferrals made in 2024 is 6%.
- Declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this application is true and complete.

Applicant signature:

Date:

Percent ownership:

Spouse/domestic partner signature:

Date:

Percent ownership:

Other owner signature:

Date:

Percent ownership:

## Instructions for completing the application

Complete Parts 1 through 5 in their entirety and include supporting documents to avoid delays in application processing. If you have questions, contact your county assessor's office at [dor.wa.gov/countycontacts](http://dor.wa.gov/countycontacts).

This deferral does not have an age or disability requirement. However, before you can qualify to defer your second half taxes you must pay your first half taxes. In addition, your income must be \$57,000 or less, and you must have owned your home for at least 5 years.

### Part 1

A co-tenant is someone who lives with you and has an ownership interest in your home. Other occupants are people who live with you who don't have ownership interest in your home.

### Part 2

Check the appropriate box. See the Documents to Include section in these instructions to determine what to send for proof of age or disability. If you are the surviving spouse/domestic partner, heir, or devisee of a person who previously received the deferral, provide a copy of their death certificate as well as a copy of their Last Will and Testament if they had one. If they died without a Last Will and Testament, provide a statement explaining why you as the surviving spouse/domestic partner, heir, devisee are entitled to receive the property after their death.

### Part 3

Details regarding your specific residence and parcel data can be obtained from your county assessor's office.

If your parcel is more than one acre, but you are only allowed to defer the taxes on one acre, a lien will be placed on your entire property unless you provide a clear legal description for only the portion eligible for the deferral.

You can defer up to 40% of your equity value in the residence. If you have a homeowner's insurance policy that you have **Washington State Department of Revenue-Property Tax Division, PO Box 47471, Olympia WA 98504** as a loss payee, your equity value is the assessed value of the residence plus land minus the debts and encumbrances secured by the property.

If you do not have homeowners insurance or your policy does not list the department as a loss payee, your equity value is the assessed value of land only minus the debts and encumbrances secured by the property.

List the balance of all liens and obligations secured by your property as of January 1 of the application year.

### Part 4

Complete and attach the [Combined Disposable Income Worksheet](#) and enter the total here.

#### How combined disposable income is calculated

Per RCW 84.36.383(1) "combined disposable income" is your disposable income plus the disposable income of your spouse/domestic partner and any co-tenants, minus deductible expenses.

#### How disposable income is calculated

"Disposable income" has a specific definition for the purpose of this program. Per RCW 84.36.383(6), "disposable income" is adjusted gross income, as defined in the federal internal revenue code, plus all of the following that were not included in, or were deducted from, adjusted gross income:

- Capital gains, other than a gain on the sale of a principal residence that is reinvested in a new principal residence.
- Amounts deducted for losses or depreciation.
- Pensions and annuities.
- Social security act and railroad retirement benefits.
- Military pay and benefits other than attendant-care and medical-aid payments.
- Veterans pay and benefits other than attendant-care, medical-aid payments, VA disability benefits, and DIC.
- Dividend receipts.
- Interest received on state and municipal bonds.

These incomes are included in "disposable income" even when it is not taxable for IRS purposes.

#### What are deductible expenses

Expenses paid by you or your spouse/domestic partner (not reimbursed or covered by insurance) for:

- Prescription drugs.
- Treatment or care of either person in the home or in a nursing home, boarding home, or adult family home.
- Health care insurance premiums for Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D and Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policies.
- Durable medical and mobility enhancing equipment and prosthetic devices.
- Medically prescribed oxygen.
- Long-term care insurance.
- Cost-sharing amounts (amounts applied towards your health plan's out of pocket maximum).
- Nebulizers.
- Medicines of mineral, animal, and botanical origin prescribed, administered, dispensed, or used in the treatment of an individual by a Washington licensed naturopath.
- Ostomic items.
- Insulin for human use.
- Kidney dialysis devices.
- Disposable devices used to deliver drugs for human use.

For additional information, review the instructions for the [Combined Disposable Income Worksheet](#).

### **Income thresholds**

The income threshold to qualify for this deferral is \$57,000.

### **Part 5**

Sign and date the application. You are signing under oath acknowledging all information is true and accurate. You understand the deferred amount plus interest is due under the circumstances listed. If any other person, including your spouse/domestic partner has an ownership interest in the residence, they must also sign and date the application.

### **Documents to include**

You must provide documentation to your county assessor's office to support the information reported on the application.

### **Proof of age or disability, ownership, and occupancy**

Include copies of documentation showing you meet the age or disability, ownership, and occupancy requirements such as:

- A copy of your driver's license or state issued photo id.
- A copy of your voter registration.
- A copy of your birth certificate.
- If your eligibility is based on a disability: a copy of your disability award letter from SSA or VA, or a Proof of Disability statement completed and submitted by your physician.
- A complete copy of trust documents, if applicable.
- A copy of your deed.
- Any other documents your county assessor requests.

### **Proof of income**

Attach a completed [Combined Disposable Income Worksheet](#) and supporting documents.

For additional detail on what to include, see the instructions for the [Combined Disposable Income Worksheet](#).