

# Frequently Asked Questions 2023 Homeowner Fuel Rebate

# **Highlights**

- The Government of Nunavut (GN) is providing Nunavut homeowners with financial assistance by offering a one-time payment of \$1,000 to eligible homeowners.
- Homeowners need to apply for the rebate. Applications are available <a href="here">here</a>.
- To be eligible, you need to prove you owned a home in Nunavut and lived in it on April 1, 2023.

#### What is the 2023 Homeowner Fuel Rebate?

The 2023-24 Homeowner Fuel Rebate is a one-time payment of \$1,000 for eligible homeowners in Nunavut.

#### Why is the Government of Nunavut offering this rebate?

The GN is offering the rebate to help reduce the cost of owning a home in Nunavut.

# Who is eligible?

To be eligible, you need to prove you owned a home in Nunavut on April 1, 2023 (the eligibility date). You also need to show this home was your principal residence on this day. Some other rules may apply in specific circumstances.

#### How do I apply for the rebate?

Complete the <u>2023 Homeowner Fuel Rebate Application</u> and submit it along with the necessary proof of homeownership to the Department of Finance. This form is available on our website: <u>www.gov.nu.ca/finance</u>. You can submit the form electronically <u>here</u>.

### When is the application deadline?

You must apply before December 31, 2023. The GN will not consider applications after this date.

#### What supporting documents do I need?

You need to prove you legally owned your home on April 1, 2023. Attach any **one** of the following documents to your application as proof:

- A copy of your Certificate of Title (available from the GN's Land Titles Office)
- A copy of your recent Property Tax Assessment
- A copy of your recent Property Tax Invoice

If you do not have any of these documents, you will need to have a hamlet official or bank employee sign your application form to certify you are the legal owner of your home.

#### How can I submit the application?

You can submit your application and supporting documentation in various ways:

Electronically: 2023 Homeowner Fuel Rebate Application (Note: you will need to email proof

of ownership documents to the email address below)

By email: <a href="mailto:homefuelrebate@gov.nu.ca">homefuelrebate@gov.nu.ca</a>
By mail: 2023 Homeowner Fuel Rebate

Taxation and Insurance, Department of Finance

Government of Nunavut

P.O. Box 2260, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

In person: Residents of Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet and Igloolik may drop off

their applications to the local GN Finance office. In other communities, the

Government Liaison Officer will be able to assist you.

#### What happens after I submit the application?

GN Finance officials will review your application carefully to verify you meet the criteria. They may contact you to seek additional information or to clarify your application.

Once Finance officials are satisfied that you meet the eligibility criteria, they will issue the payment. They will not issue a payment otherwise.

### How will payments be made?

The GN will mail cheques directly to eligible recipients at the address they provide on the application form. If the eligible homeowner is a GN employee, we will issue the payment through the GN's payroll system where possible.

#### When can I expect the payment?

We will work hard to process your application in a timely manner. We expect it could take about **four weeks** from the date we receive a complete application to when the recipient receives their rebate.

Any errors or omissions with your application will delay payment. The number of applications we receive, the time it takes to mail cheques, and the GN pay schedule will also influence how long it takes to receive the payment.

#### What other rules apply?

A few other administrative rules may apply. For example:

- The GN will not issue more than one payment for each property.
- The GN will not issue more than one payment to a single individual, even if they own more than one residential property.
- Individuals who have moved away from Nunavut permanently may not be eligible for the rebate.

#### Who administers the rebate?

The Department of Finance administers the rebate, defines operational requirements, enforces rules, and makes all decisions about an individual's eligibility.

Decisions by Finance management related to an individual's eligibility, application and other day-to-day operations are final.

#### I am a renter but pay my own heating costs. Do I qualify?

No, this rebate is only available for homeowners in Nunavut.

## I am a landlord and pay the heating costs for my tenants. Do I qualify?

This rebate is only available to homeowners who also live in the home as their principal residence. If you can show you lived primarily in the home you own, even if you rent out rooms, you may be eligible for the rebate. If you rent out a house and live elsewhere, you are not eligible for the rebate.

# I am currently buying a home in Nunavut but will not be the legal owner until after April 1, 2023. Do I qualify?

No, only individuals who are the legal owner and lived in their home on the eligibility date (April 1, 2023) are eligible to receive the rebate.

## I own my home in Nunavut but have moved out of the territory. Do I qualify?

The rebate is available for Nunavummiut. You may still be eligible for the rebate if you live outside the territory but retain residency (for example, if you have moved away temporarily to attend school). If you have moved away permanently and are no longer a resident of Nunavut, you are not eligible for the rebate.

#### Where can I learn more?

Email us your questions at <a href="mailto:homefuelrebate@gov.nu.ca">homefuelrebate@gov.nu.ca</a> or call our toll-free line at 1 (800) 316-3324.