

Property tax late penalty reimbursement

If you recently purchased property, did not receive a tax notice from your municipality, and paid a late payment penalty, you may be eligible for reimbursement.

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If you have incurred a late payment penalty and qualify for reimbursement, you are still responsible for ensuring your outstanding property taxes are paid in full. The Government of Alberta will not reimburse additional late penalties incurred for non-payment.

Overview

Municipalities send out property assessment and municipal tax notices annually to registered property owners. Due to ongoing delays with Land Titles document registration processing times, recent ownership and mailing address changes may not be reflected on municipal property tax notices. Albertans who recently purchased a property may not have received a tax notice from their municipality.

If you recently purchased a property, did not receive a tax notification from your municipality, and paid a late payment penalty due to non-payment, you may be eligible for reimbursement of your late payment penalty from the Government of Alberta.

Eligibility

You can submit a request for reimbursement of your late payment penalty if you meet all of the following criteria:

- you have purchased a property within 3 months of your municipal tax deadline
- you or your legal advisor have submitted the required land title registration documents to the Land Titles Office, but the land title transfer was not completed between February 23, 2022 and July 30, 2022
- you did not receive a property tax bill from your municipality prior to the date your taxes were due
- you paid a late payment penalty to your municipality

How to apply

If you think you are eligible for reimbursement of your late payment penalty, email PT.Penalties@gov.ab.ca and provide the following documentation:

- property owner name(s) and municipal address
- owner's mailing address (if different from above)
- legal land location (if known)
 - urban (lot, block, plan number) or
 - rural (quarter, section, range, meridian)
- date of property purchase
- document registration request (DRR) number, if known (provided when you or your legal advisor submitted title transfer documents to the Land Titles Office)
- copy of your property tax bill with late payment penalty applied
- proof of payment of your property taxes, including the late penalty (receipt from municipality)

The personal information collected through the property tax late penalty reimbursement program is for determining whether a land title transfer has been delayed and subsequent eligibility for property tax penalty reimbursement. This collection is authorized by section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact the Executive Director, Business and Vital Event Registries by email at PT.Penalties@gov.ab.ca, by phone at 780-427-2711, or by mail to Business and Vital Event Registries, 3rd floor John E. Brownlee Building, 10365 97 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7.

Contact

Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)

Phone: [780-427-2711](tel:780-427-2711)

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