



**The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Statutory Declaration
Deadline for Applications – August 1, 20_____**

I, _____
of (civic address) _____

Assessment Account Number _____ Telephone Number _____

In Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, in the Province of Nova Scotia, do solemnly declare that:

1. I live in the property at the above civic address for which the property tax exemption is being applied.
2. The information in the Statement of Income is true and correct.
3. The total income from last year of all owners and their spouse (including common law spouse) living at the property excluding *War Veterans Allowance Act* (Canada) or pension paid pursuant to the *Pension Act* (Canada) is less than **\$24,999**.
4. The following are the owners and their spouses (including common law spouses) of the property:

5. The total income from last year of the persons listed in paragraph 4 is included on the Statement of Income
6. I consent to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg carrying out such inquiries as it deems necessary in order to assess my claim and I agree that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has my authorization and consent to obtain information from any third party source whatsoever and I will execute any necessary documentation required in order to disclose information to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.
7. I understand that Municipal Council will determine the actual amount of the exemption for the year after all the applications have been received and reviewed.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under my oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

SOLEMNLY DECLARED

Before me, at _____,
in the County of _____,
and Province of Nova Scotia, this _____, day
of _____, 20 ____.

A Barrister or Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, or Mayor; or Councillor (sworn as a Commissioner), or a Notary Public of the Province of Nova Scotia

Signature

Signature



Statement of Income
for the calendar year ending December 31, 20 ____.

	Name:	Name:	Total
Employment Income			
Canada Pension Plan Income			
Old Age Security Income			
Guaranteed Income Supplement			
Interest Income (Bank, Bonds, etc)			
Rental Income			
Business Income (specify)			
*Other Pension Income (specify)			
Other Income			
Total Yearly Income			

* Do not include *War Veterans Allowance Act* income or income from the *Pension Act (Canada)*. The *Pension Act (Canada)* is not the Canada Pension Plan or Old Age Security, but it is a Pension for members of the Armed Forces who have been disabled or their dependents.

LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Q. WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR THE LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION?

Property owner(s) who reside on the property and have an income for the previous year less than \$25,000.00.

Q. WHO'S INCOME MUST BE CLAIMED?

1. Income of every person assessed for property who resides on the property.
2. Income of spouse (including common law spouse) who resides on the property.
3. Any person having the care or control of the property through adverse possession, who resides on the property.
4. Any person with a life interest in the property, who resides on the property.

Q. MY SON/DAUGHTER/OTHER LIVE WITH ME, DO I HAVE TO CLAIM THEIR INCOME?

Only if they are an owner of the property and reside on the property.

Q. DO I HAVE TO CLAIM ALL INCOME?

Claim all income except:

- 1) War Veterans Allowance
- 2) Pension for members of the Armed Forces who have been disabled or their dependents.

Q. CAN I CLAIM EXEMPTION ON ALL MY PROPERTIES?

Unfortunately you can only claim exemption on your principle residence.

Q. IF I OWN THE PROPERTY BUT I DON'T LIVE THERE, I RENT IT OUT, CAN I QUALIFY?

Unfortunately you must live there.

Q. I OWN MY PROPERTY BUT I RESIDE IN A HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME/OTHER, CAN I QUALIFY?

If you have not slept at the property for a period of two (2) years or more you do not qualify.

Q. DO I STILL HAVE TO PAY MY AREA RATES LIKE STREET LIGHTS, FIRE TAX, SEWER RATES ECT?

Yes, the exemption does not get applied to area rates and other non-property tax charges.

Q. DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR THIS EXEMPTION EVERY YEAR?

Yes. And if you qualified for this exemption, you will be mailed an application in April the following year.

Q. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO PASS IN THIS APPLICATION?

The deadline each year is August 1.

Q. IF I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS REBATE OR IF I FORGOT TO PASS IN MY APPLICATION BEFORE AUGUST 1, CAN I STILL APPLY?

Unfortunately we cannot accept any late applications.

Q. WILL I GET A REFUND IN THE MAIL?

Unfortunately you will see the exemption on your final tax bill of the year that is due the end of October. It is a reduction on your tax bill, it is not a refund.

Q. HOW MUCH WILL MY EXEMPTION BE?

The Municipality has to first see how many people applied and how many qualify. There is a budgeted amount for this project. If all applicants combined do not go over the amount we have budgeted, the amount you get will be based on your income as follows:

- If your income was under \$9,999.00 and your yearly taxes without area rates is higher than \$400.00, you will get \$400.00 reduction on your bill.
- If your income was between \$10,000.00 and \$14,999.00 and your yearly taxes without area rates is higher than \$300.00, you will get a \$300.00 reduction on your bill.
- If you income was between \$15,000.00 and \$19,999.99 and your yearly taxes without area rates is higher than \$200.00, you will get a \$200.00 reduction on your bill.
- If your income was between \$20,000.00 and \$24,999.00 and your taxes without area rates are higher than \$100.00, you will get a \$100.00 reduction on your bill.

Q. IF I HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, WHO DO I CONTACT?

You can call Joanne Sampson, Property Tax Clerk for the Municipality at 902-541-1329.