

NEWS RELEASE

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Provincial Home Owner Grant Program introduces changes for 2017

Summary

Changes to the Province's Home Owner Grant program have been introduced for this year's property taxes. Key changes include:

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You can now give permission for someone else to apply for your Home Owner Grant on your behalf as your 'Agent'. Your Agent will include their contact information on the grant application but no formal paperwork, such as a Power of Attorney Agreement, is required with the grant.

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The Province has expanded the eligibility criteria for persons with disabilities to qualify for the Additional Home Owner Grant. If you haven't qualified for the grant in the past but you are a person with disabilities or are living with a spouse or relative with disabilities, make sure to review the new eligibility criteria. The Province's website is the best place to get this information: www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- The Province has made several changes to their Home Owner Grant Program to make it easier to qualify and apply for the Additional Home Owner Grant this year.
- View the Home Owner Grant eligibility requirements on the Province's website: www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant
- If you are eligible but not able to claim the grant yourself, you can now give permission to a friend, family member or neighbour to apply for the grant on your behalf as your 'Agent'. They can apply for this grant online at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/hog or they can fill out the application that is included on the Property Tax Notice and return it to the City.

Quotes

"If you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant, please remember to claim it by the July 4th deadline."

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