

# 2009 Montana Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit

# Form 2EC

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<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this is an <b>amended return</b> .	First name and initial	Last name	Social security number	If deceased, date of death
	Spouse's first name and initial	Last name	Spouse's social security number	If deceased, date of death
Mailing address		City	State	Zip+4

### Part I - Qualifications (Answer each of the following statements.)

I was age 62 or older as of December 31, 2009.	Yes ▶		No ▶	
I occupied a Montana residence as an owner or renter for a total of six months or more during 2009.	Yes ▶		No ▶	
I resided in Montana for nine months or more during 2009.	Yes ▶		No ▶	
My gross household income was less than \$45,000 in 2009.	Yes ▶		No ▶	
<b>If you answered "No" to any of the four statements above, you are not eligible for this credit.</b>				

### Part II - Household Income

1	Enter your total gross household income (see worksheet on the back of this form).	▶	1	
2	Entered here for you is your standard exclusion.	▶	2	\$6,300
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1 and enter the result here, but not less than zero.	▶	3	
4	Enter your multiplier rate from the Household Income Reduction Table located on the back of this form.	▶	4	
5	Multiply line 3 by line 4 and enter the result here. <b>This is your net household income.</b>	▶	5	

### Part III - Credit Computation

6	Enter the property tax that you were billed for your principal residence in 2009.	▶	6	
7	Enter the rent that you paid in 2009 for your principal residence.	▶	7	
8	Multiply line 7 by 0.15 (15%) and enter the result here.	▶	8	
9	Add lines 6 and 8; enter the result here.	▶	9	
10	Subtract line 5 from line 9 and enter the result here, but not less than zero.	▶	10	
11	Enter the lesser of line 10 or \$1,000.	▶	11	
12	Enter on line 12 the percentage listed in the credit multiplier table in the instructions on the back of this form that corresponds to your gross household income reported on line 1.	▶	12	
13	Multiply line 11 by the percentage reported on line 12 and enter the result here. <b>This is your elderly homeowner/renter credit.</b>	▶	13	

- If you are filing Montana Form 2, enter on Form 2, Schedule V, line 25, the amount on line 13 above. Attach Form 2EC to Form 2.
- If you are filing Montana Form 2M, enter on Form 2M, Schedule II, line 7, the amount on line 13 above. Attach Form 2EC to Form 2M.
- If you are not required to file Montana Form 2 or 2M, see instructions on the back of this form. Mail Form 2EC to the MT Dept. of Revenue.

For Direct Deposit of your refund, complete 1, 2, 3, and 4.	1. RTN# <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	2. ACCT# <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	3. If using direct deposit, you are required to mark one box. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
4. Is this refund going to an account that is located outside of the United States or its territories? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Mail your completed Form 2EC to: Montana Department of Revenue PO Box 6577 Helena, MT 59604-6577	Name, address and telephone number of paid preparer  Paid preparer's SSN, FEIN or PTIN: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not mail forms and instructions next year
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May the DOR discuss this return with your tax preparer?  Yes  No

Your signature is required <b>X</b>	Date	Daytime telephone number	Spouse's signature <b>X</b>	Date
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I declare under penalty of false swearing that the information in this tax return and attachments is true, correct and complete.

Questions? Call us toll free at (866) 859-2254 (in Helena, 444-6900) or TDD (406) 444-2830 for hearing impaired.



## Instructions for Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit Form 2EC

If you are not required to file an income tax return and are only claiming this credit, please write your name, address, and social security number in the space provided near the top of the form. If you are married, also enter your spouse's name and social security number.

If you will be filing this form with an income tax return, you only need to enter your social security number(s).

If either spouse is deceased during the claim year, enter the date of death in the appropriate box.

### Part I – Qualifications

You will need to answer all four statements before you apply for the elderly homeowner/renter credit. If you answer "Yes" to all of these statements, you are eligible for this refundable credit of up to \$1,000, and you should continue to complete this form. Any no answer means that you are not eligible for the credit.

**Age 62 test.** If you are married and both spouses own or rent your residence, only one of you have to meet the age requirement.

**Six month test.** You can answer yes to this question as long as you have occupied one or more residences as an owner and/or renter during the year.

**Nine month test.** If you are the personal representative of the estate of an eligible individual who died during the year, you cannot claim this credit if that individual died before October 1, 2009. If you are married filing this return with your spouse, and if your spouse, who would have been the only eligible individual, dies before October 1, 2009, you cannot claim this credit. You can claim this credit only if, as a surviving spouse, you are age 62 or older and you can continue to answer yes to the other statements.

**Gross household income.** Your gross household income includes all income received by individuals in the household.

### Part II – Household Income

Enter your gross household income on line 1. Your gross household income is all the income received, taxable and nontaxable, by all individuals who live in your household. In addition to federal adjusted gross income, the following are examples of items that are included in household income:

- Inheritances
- Pension and annuity income (this includes railroad retirement and veteran's disability benefits)

- Any capital gains that you excluded from your Montana adjusted gross income such as the gain from the sale of your primary residence
- Alimony and support payments
- Nontaxable strike benefits
- Cash public assistance and relief
- Interest on federal, state, county, and municipal bonds
- All social security payments except those paid directly to a nursing home
- Federal income tax refunds
- State income tax refunds and elderly homeowner/renter credits allowed

Some items above may involve a basis or an amount you invested. If applicable, you may reduce your income by the basis or by the amount that is the return of what you invested. For example, if you paid \$5,000 for stock in a company, that is your basis. If you sell the stock for \$8,000, your household income only includes the gain of \$3,000 (\$8,000 sales price minus \$5,000 basis). Do not reduce your household income by any losses that you included in your federal adjusted gross income.

The following worksheet can be used to help you calculate your gross household income.

Income Source	Amount
1. Wages, salaries, bonuses, tips, etc.	
2. Business, partnership, rent, royalties (do not include losses)	
3. Dividends, interest including interest from federal, state, county and municipal bonds capital gains (do not include capital losses)	
4. State and federal tax refunds	
5. Prior year 2EC refunds	
6. Alimony, public assistance, unemployment	
7. Pension, annuities, IRA distributions, benefits from railroad retirement, public employee's retirement, veteran's disability and social security	
8. Income from any source or other household members not included above	
9. Add lines 1 through 8; enter the total here and on Form 2EC, line 1. <b>This is your Gross Household Income.</b>	

## Line 4 – Household Income Reduction Table

If your household income on line 3 is:		
At least	But not more than	Your multiplier is
\$0	\$1,999	0.000
\$2,000	\$2,999	0.006
\$3,000	\$3,999	0.016
\$4,000	\$4,999	0.024
\$5,000	\$5,999	0.028
\$6,000	\$6,999	0.032
\$7,000	\$7,999	0.035
\$8,000	\$8,999	0.039
\$9,000	\$9,999	0.042
\$10,000	\$10,999	0.045
\$11,000	\$11,999	0.048
\$12,000 and greater		0.050

### Part III – Credit Computation

You will need to attach a copy of your 2009 property tax bill and/or your signed rent receipts. If you are unable to get signed rent receipts, a statement detailing the rent paid during the year signed by your landlord is an acceptable substitute. If you are filing electronically, you do not need to send us your property tax bill or rent receipts. When you file electronically, you represent that you have completed Form 2EC and have all required documentation.

**Line 6 – Property Tax Billed.** Your property tax billed is your November 2009 property tax statement of taxes assessed against your home and it includes your special assessments and fees. Do not include any amounts assessed for prior years but paid during 2009.

You are allowed only the property tax billed on your primary residence and up to one-acre of land that is associated with this residence. If the one-acre farmstead or primary acre is not separately identified on your tax bill and if your ownership is less than 20 acres, you can calculate your credit by dividing the total amount of property tax billed on the land by the total acres in order to arrive at your property tax billed.

If your property tax bill is on property that you held in a revocable trust and if you are the grantor(s) and trustee(s) of that property, you can qualify for this credit. If your property taxes are billed to your living trust or life estate, you can qualify for this credit. Property tax that is billed to an irrevocable or family trust qualifies as rent only.

**Line 7 – Rent Equivalent Paid.** Your rent is only the amount of money that you paid to occupy your home. It does not include amenities such as meals, housekeeping, nursing care, etc. If you live in a health care, long-term care, personal care or residential care

facility, the rent allowed is the actual out of pocket rent that you paid. If the facility does not provide you with an adequate breakdown between your rent and amenities, your rent is limited to \$20 a day and it cannot exceed \$7,300 a year.

### Line 12 – Credit Multiplier

If the amount on line 1 is	Enter this figure on line 12
Less than \$35,000	1.00 (100%)
\$35,000 to \$37,500	0.40 (40%)
\$37,501 to \$40,000	0.30 (30%)
\$40,001 to \$42,500	0.20 (20%)
\$42,501 to \$44,999	0.10 (10%)
\$45,000 and greater	0.00 (0%)

### Direct Deposit

If you would like to use direct deposit, enter your financial institution's routing number (RTN#) and your account number (ACCT#) in the space provided. Your routing number will be nine digits and your account can be up to 17 characters, including numbers and letters. Mark whether your account is a checking or savings account and if your refund will go to a bank outside of the United States and its territories (Midway Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Guam).

John Taxpayer  
Jane Taxpayer  
23 Main Street  
Anyplace, MT 59000  
Pay to the  
Order of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1234  
Dollars

Anyplace Bank  
Anyplace, MT 59000

Routing Number: 123456789  
Account Number: 9876543210

**Do not include the check number in the account number**

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If your financial institution does not accept the direct deposit, we will mail you a refund check.

**File your Form 2EC electronically!** If you are not required to file Montana Form 2 or Form 2M, you can file your Form 2EC through our website, at no cost to you. For further information on this direct electronic filing option, please visit our website at [revenue.mt.gov](http://revenue.mt.gov).

If you choose not to file electronically and you are not required to file Montana Form 2 or Form 2M, please mail your Form 2EC to:



Montana Department of Revenue  
PO Box 6577  
Helena, MT 59604-6577

### How can I find out more about this credit?

If you need additional information on this credit or other tax issues, please call us toll free at (866) 859-2254 (in Helena, 444-6900) or visit our website at [revenue.mt.gov](http://revenue.mt.gov).