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Beginning January 1, 2024, taxpayers are eligible to claim a Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. The first opportunity to claim this credit will be on a 2024 WV income tax return, filed in 2025, for all timely paid property taxes made on vehicles due in 2024. The same rules will apply for all following years. With the passage of HB 125 in the 1st Special Session of 2023, taxpayers will not be penalized if they paid the second half of their ticket in 2023 because it is still considered due in 2024 and therefore timely paid.

#### Who Qualifies?

##### **Individuals, Partnerships, S-Corporations, LLCs, and C-Corporations**

Leasing companies qualify for the credit. They are **required** to pass the savings on to the consumer leasing the motor vehicle. Contact your leasing company for more information on when you can expect to see the discount.

#### Who Does Not Qualify?

##### **Motor Vehicle Dealers**

**To ensure that you qualify for the Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit, you must pay your personal property taxes timely.** That means the first half of the assessment must be paid before October 1 and the second half before April 1.

**Only individuals and business motor vehicle owners may qualify for the Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. The credit is only available for the actual tax paid.** If an early payment discount is applied, the credit is limited to the amount actually paid after deduction of the discount. The following Motor Vehicle classifications are eligible for the credit: Class A (Cars and Trucks), Class B (Trucks), Class G (Motorcycles), Class H (Buses), Class T (Trailers), Class V (Antique Motor Vehicles), Class X (Farm Trucks), and W.Va. Code § 20-15-2 All-Terrain and Utility-Terrain Vehicles. For more information on these vehicles and examples of ineligible vehicles, visit our Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit webpage at [tax.wv.gov](http://tax.wv.gov).

#### **How to Claim:**

- If required to file a personal income tax return with West Virginia: An MV-1 letter will be mailed to all eligible taxpayers. From the MV-1 letter received, taxpayers should enter the "Eligible Amount Paid on Time" on their personal income tax return (IT-140), Line 21(A). Taxpayers who believe they are eligible but did not receive a letter in the mail can go online to [mytaxes.wvtax.gov](http://mytaxes.wvtax.gov) and click "Request Another Motor Vehicle Property Tax Letter" to generate their letter.
  - E-Filers: If you are electronically filing, you must note your credit claim number from your MV-1 as part of your filing in order to claim your credit.
  - Paper Filers: If you are paper filing, you must submit a copy of your MV-1 letter with your filing.
- If not required to file a personal income tax return with West Virginia: Taxpayers who are **not** required to file a West Virginia income tax return but wish to claim the credit for their motor vehicle property taxes timely paid can click "Claim the MV-1 Credit" at [mytaxes.wvtax.gov](http://mytaxes.wvtax.gov) when the 2024 filing period opens in January 2025. Please note that you will be required to provide either a West Virginia driver's license or other form of West Virginia ID in order to complete your claim. This tool cannot be used if you are required to file a West Virginia income tax return or are wanting to claim any other credit.

If, after reviewing your MV-1 letter, you think there is a discrepancy between the credit amount listed on your MV-1 and what you paid, please claim what you believe you are eligible for on the IT-140 and submit a copy of your property tax receipts. The Tax Division will review your claim when it is filed and make a determination on amount eligibility. If you are filing for a different claim amount than listed on the MV-1 you receive, please be sure to respond to any mailings you receive from the Tax Division after filing as we attempt to reconcile the discrepancy.

#### **For more information, you can:**

- **Call** a Taxpayer Services Representative at (304) 558-3333 or toll-free at (800) 982-8297
- **Email** [taxhelp@wv.gov](mailto:taxhelp@wv.gov)
- **Go Online** to [tax.wv.gov](http://tax.wv.gov)