

Information on the Home Owner(s) Grant Program operated by Splatsin First Nation



SPLATSIN First Nation provides to its Residential Taxpayer's a Home Owner Grant (HOG) program similar to that operated by the Province of British Columbia.

To claim the basic grant, you must be the registered owner of the residence, be a Canadian citizen, live in B.C., and you must occupy the residence as your principle residence. You must sign the declaration on the tax notice and return it to Splatsin Tax Department office for approval.

As provided for in the Provincial Home Owner's Grant program, principle residence means:
Principle residence is the property where you live and from where you conduct your daily affairs
(For example; pay your bills, file your income tax returns, receive your mail, have a telephone listing).
It is the address where you reside, and the property taxes paid, where the grant is claimed.

Note: A person can have only one principle residence.

To claim the additional grant, firstly, the property must be your principle residence **AND** you must be 65 years of age or older in the current year or be disabled under the BC HOG program rules. You must also (in addition to providing a signed declaration) provide documentary proof of age (such as birth certificate and/or driver's license) or proof of disability to Splatsin Tax Department for approval.

Regarding the Tax Notice enclosed:

Pay Amount "A" if this property **is not** your principle residence and only, for example, a seasonal recreational property, note that you are liable for the default amount if you fail to complete the declaration/application for the Home Owner's Grant and submit it to Splatsin Taxation Department for approval.

Pay Amount "B" if this property **is** your principle residence and you are claiming the **basic grant**. You must complete the declaration provided on the back of the tax notice, sign and return it to claim the basic grant.

Pay Amount "C" if this property **is** your principle residence and you are claiming the **additional grant** because you are 65 years of age in the current year or disabled within the meaning of the rules of the Home Owner's Grant program operated by the Province of BC. In addition to doing everything to qualify for the basic grant, you must provide acceptable documentary evidence to qualify for the additional grant.

It is important to claim the applicable HOG before the tax deadline of July 2nd, to avoid being penalized. You can claim the grant regardless of whether you are making a payment on your property taxes.

Note that it is a serious offence to submit a false declaration.