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The Department of Assessments and Taxation wants to provide an important reminder to all homeowners that they only have until December 31, 2012 to file the Application for Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility to continue to be qualified for this property tax credit that limits the amount of assessment on which a homeowner actually pays taxes on his or her principal residence. Over the past five years, the Department has mailed the Homestead application on two separate occasions to every homeowner in the State either in their new Assessment Notice or by a separate mailing. To date, over 850,000 homeowners statewide have filed their Homestead application.

To find out if you have already filed the one-time application in the past five years, you should go the Department's website at [www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us) and click on "Real Property Data Search". You will click on the County name where your property is located and enter the Street address. A page on your property will be displayed, and you look across the bottom of the page to see if you submitted the Homestead application.

If you have not submitted the application, the form will be mailed to you if you send an e-mail to [hcredit@dat.state.md.us](mailto:hcredit@dat.state.md.us) requesting it. Be sure to include in your e-mail your street address for the property and the specific County where the property is located. The application form will include your Property Account Number and special "Access Number" that will enable you to file the form electronically and receive back an e-mail confirmation receipt. If you mail the form to the Department, you will not receive a confirmation receipt.

For those homeowners who do not have access to a computer or to a nearby public library to assist you with looking up this information, you may call the Homestead Tax Credit Program at (410) 767-2165 in the Baltimore metropolitan area or 1-866-650-8783 (toll-free) for those living elsewhere. Because of the volume of telephone calls the Homestead Program receives, we urge all homeowners with their own computers not to call with questions they can get answers to online so that persons without a computer can get through on the telephone line. More information about the Homestead application can be obtained by going to the Department's website at [www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us) and clicking on "Homestead Eligibility Application" in the center column of the home page.