

Frequently Asked Questions Principal Residence Exemption Interest Checks

1. Why did my county or local unit receive the enclosed check?

The check was issued to the county or local unit listed on the check. The check is the county or local unit's share of the interest paid as a result of a Principal Residence Exemption denial that was billed by and paid to the State of Michigan. The check is the distribution of that interest to the appropriate county or local unit.

2. What does the county or local unit do with the enclosed check?

The county or local unit should deposit the check into the fund where all other interest charged and paid as a result of a Principal Residence Exemption denial is deposited. It should not be forwarded to another governmental unit or to the taxpayer.

3. Where did the money come from that is included in this check?

The State of Michigan billed the taxpayer(s) for the School Operating Millage plus interest for property located in your unit of government as a result of a Principal Residence Exemption denial. The bill was issued by the State of Michigan because there was a bona fide purchaser and the taxpayer(s) no longer owns the property. The property identification number, taxpayer name(s), and the billed tax year are listed on the enclosed check. Distribution of the interest paid by the taxpayer(s) has resulted in the issuing of the enclosed check.

4. Should I return the enclosed check to the State Michigan?

No. The county or local unit listed on the check should keep it and deposit it into the fund where all other interest charged and paid as a result of a Principal Residence Exemption denial is deposited. If you believe the check was received in error, immediately call the PRE Hotline at 517-335-7487. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:45 p.m.

5. Will the county or local unit be asked to return all or a portion of the check amount to the State of Michigan?

If the taxpayer(s) appeals his or her Principal Residence Exemption denial and is successful, the State of Michigan will send the county or local unit an invoice for the amount of interest that had been distributed but now must be refunded to the taxpayer(s). Do not return any portion of the check amount to the State of Michigan unless instructed to do so by receipt of an invoice.

6. Who can I contact if I still have questions or concerns about the enclosed check?

Please call the Principal Residence Exemption Unit at 517-335-7487. The PRE Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:45 p.m.