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### **When Preparing Your Vacancy Application**

#### **Application Requirements**

In order to be eligible for a vacancy rebate, each application is to be accompanied by **1 copy** of the following:

- Vacancy Application.
  - Sketch/floor plan of the building and/or the square footage of the areas.
  - A copy of fully executed expired and fully executed current lease. The lease agreement should include pages that identify the premises, sections that allow rent free use, the commencement and ending of the term, and signature page where both owner and tenant have signed.
  - If lease terminated, a copy of the fully executed current lease and any documentation showing the last day the tenant occupied the space, i.e. copies of the listing agreement for the space covering the period claimed, letter of intent to vacate, a notice of eviction, a court order or a letter to a utility company advising them of the vacancy.
  - Letter from the property owner or authorized agent to certify that the eligible space was never tenanted or was previously owner occupied.
  - Documentation that the property was offered for lease within the vacancy period, such as MLS listing or rental advertisement i.e. a copy of a newspaper/internet advertisement. All advertisements must contain the date of the ad.
  - Appendix A, fully completed, signed, dated and commissioned.
- The application should not pre-date the period for which the vacancy was claimed.
  - Vacancy rebates are issued to the property itself. **ONLY** the **CURRENT** owner may request a cheque to be issued for the rebate. Previous owners require a letter of authorization from the current owner if submitting a request to have a cheque issued.
  - If an agent will be representing you, a letter of authorization is required.
  - Please ensure the application is signed and dated.
  - A building or portion of a building will not be eligible for a rebate if:
    - it is used for commercial or industrial activity on a seasonal basis;
    - during the period of vacancy it was subject to a lease, the term of which had commenced; or
    - during the period of vacancy it was included in a sub-class for vacant land.
  - No residential portion of a commercial/industrial property is eligible for a vacancy rebate.

**We do not accept Vacancy Application forms by fax or e-mail. If you are using a courier service please ensure the package is in our office on the due date and not in transit.**

**The onus is on the applicant to provide documentation to support their vacancy rebate application. Failure to provide the above documentation may result in the rejection of the rebate application.**

Additional information appears on the application form.



# Application for Rebate of Property Taxes for Vacancies in Commercial and Industrial Buildings

Taxation year for which the application is being made <b>20</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL USE ONLY</b> Application #

## INSTRUCTIONS

- The **deadline** for submitting applications is **February 28** of the year following the taxation year to which the application relates.
  - Deliver this completed application to your local municipal office:  
**City of Sarnia, Finance Department**  
255 Christina St N  
P.O. Box 3018  
Sarnia, ON N7T 7N2  
Attention: Ronda McIntyre
  - Any person who knowingly makes a false or deceptive statement in this application is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is liable for a fine under section 364(19).**
  - To be eligible for a rebate, a building or portion of a building must satisfy the conditions described in Category 1 or Category 2 below.
- Need more information?** Contact us by:  
Telephone at 519-332-0330  
or by e-mail at [ronda.mcintyre@sarnia.ca](mailto:ronda.mcintyre@sarnia.ca)

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b> (Please check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to confirm eligibility)										
<b>Category 1 – Buildings that are entirely vacant</b>					<b>Category 2 – Buildings that are Partially Vacant</b>					
A whole <b>commercial</b> or <b>industrial</b> building will be eligible for a rebate if: <input type="checkbox"/> the entire building was unused for at least 90 consecutive days.					A suite or unit within a commercial building will be eligible for a rebate if, for at least 90 consecutive days, it was: <input type="checkbox"/> if unused; and <input type="checkbox"/> clearly delineated or physically separated from the used portions of the building; and					
<b>EXCLUSIONS</b> A building or portion of a building will not be eligible for a rebate if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is used for commercial or industrial activity on a seasonal basis;</li> <li>during the period of vacancy it was subject to a lease, the term of which had commenced; or</li> <li>during the period of vacancy it was included in a sub-class for vacant land.</li> </ul>					either <input type="checkbox"/> capable of being leased for immediate occupation, or <input type="checkbox"/> undergoing or in need of repairs or renovations that prevented it from being available for lease for immediate occupation, or <input type="checkbox"/> unfit for occupation.					
<b>NOTE</b> For complete information about eligibility and application requirements, please refer to section 364 of the Municipal Act and Ontario Regulation 210/05.  Legislation and regulations may be viewed on the Government of Ontario's "e-laws" Web site at <a href="http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca">www.e-laws.gov.on.ca</a>					A portion of an industrial building will be eligible for a rebate if, for at least 90 consecutive days, it was: <input type="checkbox"/> unused; and <input type="checkbox"/> clearly delineated or physically separated from the used portions of the building.					
<b>PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>										
Address (Number and Street)					Roll Number (See your notice of Property Assessment or you property tax bill) <b>38 29 - _ _ - _ - _ - _ - _ -</b>					
City/Town/Municipality, etc.			Province		Postal Code			<b>Representative's/Agent's Name</b> (Letter of Authorization signed by owner must accompany application)		
<b>Owner's Name</b>										
Mailing Address (Number and Street)					Mailing Address (Number and Street)					
City/Town/Municipality, etc.			Province		Postal Code			City/Town/Municipality, etc.		
Telephone Number			Fax Number		Telephone Number			Extension		Fax Number
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Industrial</b>	<b>Description of vacant area</b> <i>Include unit/suite number, floor number, building number. Please draw a sketch on page four</i>	<b>Size of Vacant Area</b> (Sq. Ft.)	<b>Period of Vacancy</b> (must be at least 90 consecutive days)  Month/Day/Year			<b>MPAC USE ONLY</b>		<b>MUNICIPAL USE ONLY</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			From			<b>Class</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Amount of tax rebate</b>	
			sq. ft.	To						
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			sq. ft.	To						
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			sq. ft.	To						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			From						
			sq. ft.	To						
<input type="checkbox"/> List continued on Page 2										
<b>APPLICANT – I certify that the information contained on all pages of this form and attachments is true and correct.</b>										
Name of Applicant (Print)			Signature			Date		Total from Page 2		
Position/Title			Do you have the authority to bind the corporation and to certify that the information is true and correct?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>MPAC USE ONLY</b> Name of Assessor (print)			Signature			Date		GRAND TOTAL		
<b>MUNICIPAL USE ONLY</b> Name of Municipal Representative (Print)			Signature			Date				

The information on this form is collected under the authority of section 364 of the Municipal Act and Ontario Regulation 210/05 and it will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility for a property tax rebate and the amount of the rebate in respect of vacant commercial and industrial buildings. Questions about the collection of personal information should be directed to your local municipal tax office.

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for Vacancies in Commercial and Industrial Buildings**

Roll Number (See your notice of Property Assessment or you property tax bill)

**38 29** - - - - -

Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Description of vacant area Include unit/suite number, floor number, building number. Please draw a sketch on page four	Size of Vacant Area (Sq. Ft.)	Period of Vacancy (must be at least 90 consecutive days)			MPAC USE ONLY		MUNICIPAL USE ONLY
				Month/Day/Year			Class	Assessment	Amount of tax rebate
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Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No.: 38 29 - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional questions to be answered:

1. Please state the reason for the vacancy (e.g. cessation of operations, termination of lease, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Is the vacancy due to the seasonal nature of the occupying business? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If this application is for part of a property, how is the vacant area separated from the area still in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the vacant area normally leased to tenants? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is the vacant area currently leased to tenants? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Has the area been leased again after the period of vacancy? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is the area leased on short term (daily or monthly basis)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is the vacant area used by the owner for storage or any other purpose? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How is the availability being advertised? Please provide contact name and number (e.g. Real Estate broker, if applicable). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What event marked the start of the vacancy period? (e.g. renovation/retooling, line shutdown)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. When or by what event do you expect the vacancy to end? (e.g. completion of renovation/retooling [estimated date], sale of property [2-3 months], upturn of business [time indefinite])  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

"I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE APPLICATION AND THIS APPENDIX IS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE ACCURATE, TRUTHFUL AND COMPLETE".

SWORN (or affirmed) before me at the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
A Commissioner for taking of Affidavits  
(or as may be)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant