### **New Jersey Division of Taxation**

## **ANCHOR PROGRAM**

(AFFORDABLE NEW JERSEY COMMUNITIES FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS)

### New for 2020: We Will File for You; No Action Required by You

We will file 2020 ANCHOR applications on behalf of most qualified residents who received a 2019 ANCHOR benefit earlier this year. If you qualify, you will receive an "ANCHOR Benefit Confirmation Letter" in August of 2023, notifying you that you meet the requirements.

If the information in your confirmation letter remains the same as your prior filing, no action is required on your part. Benefit payments will be issued using the same method and banking information used in your prior filing and contained in your confirmation letter. You can check the **status of your benefit payment** beginning in mid-October.

However, if any **information** from your prior filing changed, you must file your **application** to update these changes (using one of the methods to the right) before **September 30, 2023**. We will not make adjustments to your name or banking information after **September 30, 2023**. Payments will be issued using the information we have on file.

# I did not receive an ANCHOR Benefit Confirmation Letter notifying me that I qualify. Can I still apply?

Yes. You should receive a green or purple filing packet in the mail by September 1, 2023, with filing instructions.

## I did not receive an ANCHOR Benefit Confirmation Letter or filing packet. Can I still apply for the benefit?

If you did not receive a confirmation letter or filing packet, but meet the qualifications for the 2020 benefit, you may still apply for the program:

- **Homeowners.** Most homeowners may file online or by phone with an <u>identification number (ID) and PIN</u>. However, if you bought your home in 2020, altered your deed, or had certain life changes such as a divorce or death of a spouse, you must file an <u>application by mail</u>.
- Renters may file using the online option, and do not need an ID and PIN.

### When will I receive my ANCHOR benefit?

Payments will be issued on a rolling basis. Most applicants can expect to receive their payment approximately 90 days after filing the application, unless we request additional information to process your claim.

#### Filing deadline

If you received the ANCHOR Benefit Confirmation Letter notifying you that you qualify and you do nothing else, we will file the application for you and pay the benefit based on information in that letter. However, if you need to change any information, you have until **September 30, 2023**, to file an application on your own.

All other applicants have until Friday, December 29, 2023, to file applications.

Please contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation with questions at 1-888-238-1233.