

AN ACT

Bill 19-164
Act 19-649
effective
January 25,
2013

Codification
District of
Columbia
Official Code
2001 Edition

To amend section 47-1806.06 of the District of Columbia Official Code to increase the Schedule H income requirement ceiling from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in income tax year 2014 and from \$40,000 to \$50,000 in income tax year 2016, to increase the maximum benefit from \$750 to \$1,000 by changing the existing property tax equivalent amount from 15% to 20%, to allow each tax filing unit in a household to apply instead of only one person filing per household, to add a cost of living adjustment to the Schedule H, and to simplify the property tax rate structure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Schedule H Property Tax Relief Act of 2012”.

Schedule H
Property Tax
Relief Act of
2012

Amend
§ 47-1806.06

Sec. 2. Section 47-1806.06 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

(A) Strike the figure “15%” and insert the figure “20%” in its place.

(B) Strike the figure “\$750” and insert the figure “\$1,000” in its

place.

(2) Paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

(A) Designate the existing text as subparagraph (A).

(B) New subparagraphs (B) and (C) are added to read as follows:

“(B) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013, the percentage required under paragraph (1) of this subsection to be determined for all claimants shall be the percentage specified in the following table:

“If adjusted gross income is:

“\$0 – 24,999

“\$25,000 - \$40,000

Tax credit equals:

100% of property tax* exceeding 3.0% of
adjusted gross income of the tax filing unit

100% of property tax* exceeding 4.0% of
adjusted gross income of the tax filing unit

“*or rent paid constituting property tax (20% of rent).

“(C) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, the percentage required under paragraph (1) of this subsection to be determined for all claimants shall be the percentage specified in the following table:

“If adjusted gross income is:

“\$0 – 24,999

“\$25,000 - \$50,000

Tax credit equals:

100% of property tax* exceeding 3.0% of
adjusted gross income of the tax filing unit

100% of property tax* exceeding 4.0% of adjusted
gross income of the tax filing unit

“*or rent paid constituting property tax (20% of rent).”.

(3) Paragraph (3) is repealed.

(b) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the sentence “Only 1 claimant per home and per household per year shall be entitled to relief under this section.” and inserting the sentence “Only one claimant per tax filing unit per year shall be entitled to relief under this section.” in its place.

(2) Paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) are repealed.

(3) Paragraph (8)(B) is amended by striking the figure “15%” and inserting the figure “20%” in its place.

(c) Subsection (j)(1) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) In determining eligibility for the credit allowable under this section, and for the purpose of determining outstanding tax liability (if any) of the claimant to the District household income for which the claim is filed and the claimant's outstanding tax liability (if any) shall be determined on the basis of the adjusted gross income of the tax filing unit, which is defined as an individual or married couple that would--were their income above the filing threshold--file an individual income tax return. The tax filing unit also includes any other persons who would be claimed as dependents on that tax return.”.

(d) A new subsection (r) is added to read as follows:

“(r)(1) The maximum credit amount of \$1000 and the eligibility income threshold of \$50,000 shall be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index.

“(2) For the purpose of this subsection, the term “Consumer Price Index” means the all items index of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the District of Columbia, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply as of January 1, 2014, upon the inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan, as certified by the Chief Financial Officer to the Budget Director of the Council in a certification published by the Council in the District of Columbia Register.

**Delayed
Applicability**

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.