

Municipal Budget 2016

Budget FAQs



WHAT INFORMATION DOES YOUR TAX BILL PROVIDE?

SAMPLE TAX BILL

HALIFAX

Person 1
Person 2
123 Anywhere St.
Lot 527 Community Dwelling

RECEIPT PORTION - RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS			SEE REVERSE FOR PAYMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION		
BILL DATE	DUE DATE	ASSESSMENT#	INVOICE#	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID
Sep 4, 2015	Oct 30, 2015	01234567	540500	1,262.79	

PARTICULARS	ASSESSMENT	RATE	AMOUNT
HRM Residential Taxes			
URBAN GENERAL RATE	209,500	0.669	1,401.56
LOCAL TRANSIT	209,500	0.102	213.69
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION	209,500	0.049	102.66
SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION	209,500	0.030	62.85
FIRE PROTECTION (HYDRANTS)	209,500	0.019	39.81
TOTAL MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL TAXES		0.869	1,820.56
EDUCATION AND PROVINCIAL RESIDENTIAL RATE	209,500	0.3450	722.78
Total 2015/16 Taxes			2,543.34
Balance Prior to Bill Date			0.00
Interest on Prior Balance to Due Date			0.00
LESS INTERIM PREVIOUSLY BILLED			(1,271.67)
Total Amount Due / () indicates credit			1,262.79

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE

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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Please print change of mailing address below:

Person 1
123 Anywhere St.
Community, NS, Postal Code

1. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

- Line 1** Registered owner of the property
Line 2 Registered owner of the property (if applicable)
Line 3 Number, street, street type
Line 4 Lot number, community / type of structure

Please note:

If a property has more than two (2) registered owners only a maximum of two (2) will print on the tax bill.

2. MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL / RESOURCE TAXES 2015/16

Urban General Rate **RATE: \$0.669**

Services provided include:

Policing, solid waste, recreation programs, planning, libraries, sport fields, playgrounds, administration, fire suppression, street lighting, recreation and community facilities (The municipality's share of capital and operating costs).

Suburban General Rate **RATE: \$0.636**

Services provided include:

Policing, solid waste, recreation programs, planning, libraries, sport fields, playgrounds, administration, fire suppression, street lighting, recreation and community facilities (The municipality's share of capital and operating costs).

Rural General Rate **RATE: \$0.636**

Services provided include:

Policing, solid waste, recreation programs, planning, libraries, sport fields, playgrounds, administration, fire suppression, street lighting, recreation and community facilities (The municipality's share of capital costs).

3. AREA RATES 2015/2016

These rates are in addition to the general rates and tend to reflect services that provide a benefit to residents within a specific geographic area. Some of these rates cover a large area, such as regional transportation or fire protection (hydrants), while other local area rates or local improvement charges pertain to a smaller geographic area. Some of these rates may be charged out on a 'per property' or 'per foot of frontage' basis, rather than assessed value. Generally, residents within an area for which a new rate is proposed are engaged in a consultation process to determine whether sufficient support exists for the area rate.

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4. PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAXES 2015/16

Education Tax

RATE: \$0.302

The municipality is required to provide funding to the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) under the Education Act. This mandatory education contribution is set by the Province of Nova Scotia and is based on the municipality's share of the 'Uniform Assessment'.

Property Valuation Service Tax

RATE: \$0.018

The municipality is required to provide funding to pay a share of the cost of operating the provincial assessment system. The municipality pays a portion of the total Property Valuation Services Corporation costs, based on the municipality's share of the Uniform Assessment and the municipality's share of assessment accounts across the province.

Correction Services Tax

RATE: \$0.017

The municipality is required (as are all municipalities) to make a mandatory contribution to the province to fund the cost of correctional services. The contribution is set by Province of Nova Scotia and is based on the municipality's share of the Uniform Assessment and the municipality's share of dwelling units across the province.

Metro Housing Authority Tax

RATE: \$0.008

The Metropolitan Housing Authority administers and manages public non-profit housing for seniors and families on low incomes within Halifax. It is one of seven regional housing authorities in the Province.

Eduction and Provincial Rates Total = \$0.345

for Residential and Resource

5. EXPLANATION FOR THE BOTTOM SECTION OF THE TAX BILL

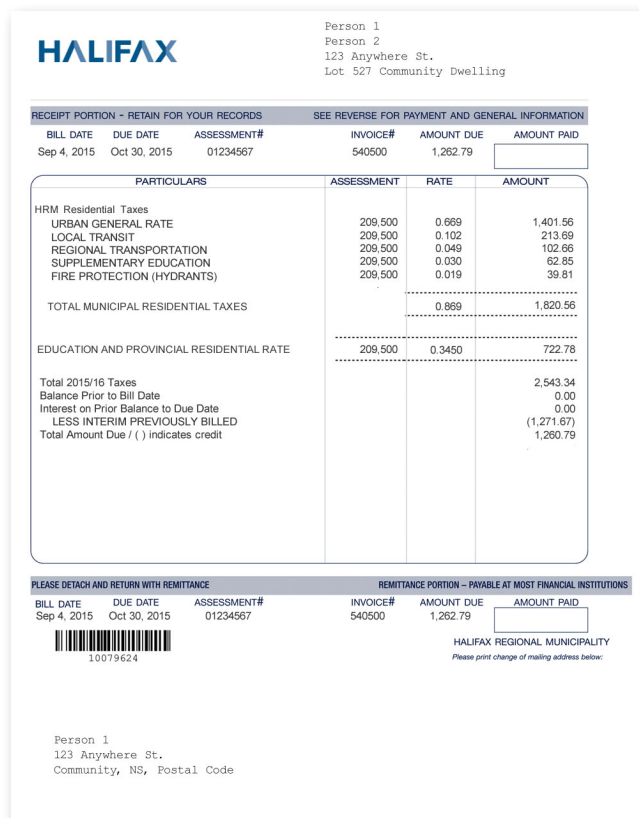
TOTAL 2015/16 Taxes - The total of the municipal taxes and the mandatory provincial funding.

Balance Prior to Bill Date - Any past due amount that is on the account at the time of billing. This includes property taxes, NSF Charges, false alarm charges and other lienable charges, or any credit amount (in brackets) on the account at the time of billing due to pre authorized payments, if applicable or an overpayment.

Interest on Prior Balance to Due Date - Interest that accrued on the arrears - the amount of interest is projected to the due date. If the invoice is paid before the due date the amount of interest will be a lesser amount.

LESS INTERIM PREVIOUSLY BILLED - Your Interim Tax bill is 50% of the current year estimated taxes. The estimated taxes are calculated using your current assessment and last year's area rates, less the amount of the tax bill that was due in April.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE - Total amount owing on the account which includes interest projected to the due date. Amounts with () indicate a credit balance on your taxation account.



The image shows a sample Halifax tax bill form. At the top, it says 'HALIFAX' and lists 'Person 1' and 'Person 2' at '123 Anywhere St., Lot 527 Community Dwelling'. The form is divided into two main sections: 'RECEIPT PORTION - RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS' and 'SEE REVERSE FOR PAYMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION'. The 'RECEIPT PORTION' includes a table with columns for 'BILL DATE', 'DUE DATE', 'ASSESSMENT#', 'INVOICE#', 'AMOUNT DUE', and 'AMOUNT PAID'. Below this is a table with columns for 'PARTICULARS', 'ASSESSMENT', 'RATE', and 'AMOUNT'. The 'PARTICULARS' table lists various taxes: HRM Residential Taxes, URBAN GENERAL RATE, LOCAL TRANSIT, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION, SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION, and FIRE PROTECTION (HYDRANTS). The 'ASSESSMENT' table lists the same taxes with their respective rates and amounts. The 'RATE' table lists the same taxes with their respective rates. The 'AMOUNT' table lists the same taxes with their respective amounts. The 'SEE REVERSE FOR PAYMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION' section includes a table with columns for 'BILL DATE', 'DUE DATE', 'ASSESSMENT#', 'INVOICE#', 'AMOUNT DUE', and 'AMOUNT PAID'. Below this is a table with columns for 'PARTICULARS', 'ASSESSMENT', 'RATE', and 'AMOUNT'. The 'PARTICULARS' table lists various taxes: HRM Residential Taxes, URBAN GENERAL RATE, LOCAL TRANSIT, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION, SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION, and FIRE PROTECTION (HYDRANTS). The 'ASSESSMENT' table lists the same taxes with their respective rates and amounts. The 'RATE' table lists the same taxes with their respective rates. The 'AMOUNT' table lists the same taxes with their respective amounts. The form also includes a barcode and a 'PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE' section.

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