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## Latest News

### **State Changes Filing for State Income Tax to May 17**

The State Revenue Department announced that the PA State Income tax filing deadline has been moved from April 15 to May 17 to match the IRS dates. Revenue suggested that current PA law requires the filing dates to match the IRS so no legislative action is required.

### **Find Out if Federal Aid is for Your Township: Join PSATS Virtual Town Hall Monday**

Join PSATS staff on **Monday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m.** for a Virtual Town Hall on *What the American Rescue Plan Means for Your Township*. With the recent passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, state and local governments are now set to receive \$350 billion in federal funds to be used for responding to COVID-19. Of that, \$13 billion is coming to Pennsylvania, including \$7.5 billion to the commonwealth and \$1 billion to municipalities with populations of less than 50,000. As a result, EVERY Pennsylvania township will receive funds. These township amounts will range from a low near \$1,000 to a high of \$8.6 million. [Click here](#) to see how much your township will receive.

While many of the details are still being worked out at the federal and state levels, this PSATS Virtual Town Hall will provide critical information about the timing of the funding, permitted and prohibited uses of the funds, and more. [Click here](#) to register for the town hall.

### **State Launches Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

millions of Pennsylvanians at risk of eviction or loss of utility service. With federal funds allocated through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the Wolf Administration built the [Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) (ERAP) in partnership with the General Assembly through Act 1 of 2021 to distribute about \$569 million to Pennsylvania households through partnerships with local leaders. An additional \$278 million in rental assistance was directly allocated to Pennsylvania's largest counties by the federal government.

Pennsylvania households may be eligible for up to 12 months of assistance to cover past-due or future rental and/or utility payments. Assistance can be provided to a tenant for future rental payments and for unpaid rental or utility arrears that were accrued on or after March 13, 2020, on a residential rental property. Residential tenants may apply for themselves, or a landlord/utility provider may apply on behalf of a current tenant.

Pennsylvanians may submit applications for this program online at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us). Twenty counties have opted to accept applications from county residents through their own application process. Directions on how to apply appear on the compass site.

To qualify for assistance, a household must be responsible to pay rent on a residential property and meet each of the following criteria:

- One or more people within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits, had a decrease in income, had increased household costs, or experienced other financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the COVID-19 pandemic; AND
- One or more individuals in the household can show a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; AND
- The household has an income at or below 80% of area median income, which varies by county. [Income limits by county](#) are available on the state Department of Human Services' website.

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### **National Certified Nurses Day**

Every March 19th, National Certified Nurses Day celebrates the certified nurses who impact lives every day.

Certified nurses dedicate their entire careers to helping others and often work long, hard hours. The day honors and recognizes them and their significant achievements. Their advanced skills require continuing education, re-certification, and continued knowledge of ever-changing technology. Certified nurses balance clinical needs and patient care. Helping patients meet their healthcare goals in complex and challenging times makes a Certified Nurse's commitment even more valuable.

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**[New Developments in Police Liability - Guidance to Evaluate Your Police Dept. - 4/9/21](#)**

In this virtual class, Chris Gerber of Siana Law and Captain Ashley Heiberger (Ret.) will address new developments in police liability with a practical approach that allows for an immediate assessment of your police department's compliance with federal and state law. [Click here](#) for more information and to register



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