



# Maryland

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## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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### Real Property

SDAT is responsible for reassessing all residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural properties throughout Maryland once every three years. Real property assessments are mailed annually by January 1 and are conducted by assessors working at local assessment offices, which are located in all 23 counties and Baltimore City.

Every business is required to file an annual by April 15th. If the business also has personal property, the department will assess it for each county.

### Tax Credits

The Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program provides tax relief for eligible homeowners by setting a limit on the amount of property taxes owed based on their income. The Renters' Property Tax Credit Program similarly provides tax relief for eligible renters who pay high monthly rent relative to their total income. These annual applications are available on February 1 and must be submitted to SDAT by the deadline on September 3.

Residential property owners who complete a one-time application and meet certain eligibility requirements can also receive a Homestead Tax Credit, which limits their principal residence's taxable assessment from increasing by more than a certain percentage each year regardless of their income level.

### Charter

SDAT also plays a crucial role in helping Marylanders start and maintain their businesses by providing assistance while they initially register their business, register a trade name, submit required annual filings to remain in good standing, maintain compliance with applicable Maryland laws, and more.

On the Maryland Business Express website, business owners and entrepreneurs can plan, start, manage, and grow their business. Maryland Business Express has combined resources previously spread across state agencies into one, easy-to-navigate website.