

Filing a 2017 Request for Reconsideration (RfR): What You Need to Know (Non-Residential Properties)

Who is MPAC?

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. We are responsible for accurately assessing and classifying more than five million properties in Ontario in compliance with the *Assessment Act* and regulations established by the Government of Ontario.

What is a Request for Reconsideration (RfR)?

If you disagree with MPAC's assessment of your property's value and/or classification as of January 1, 2016, you can ask MPAC to review the assessment to make sure that it is right. This is called a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). You can make this request by completing and sending an RfR form to us. This request is free of charge.

What is the deadline to file an RfR for the 2017 property tax year?

Your deadline is printed on your Property Assessment Notice. If you have misplaced your 2016 Property Assessment Notice, please call us at 1 866 296-MPAC (6722). One of our customer service representatives can assist you.

What information does MPAC need to reconsider my property's assessment?

Section 39.1 of the *Assessment Act* requires you to provide the reasons for your Request for Reconsideration. This includes sending us all key details about your property that we should know. When we review your property's assessed value, we look at the information you send us in your RfR and the information we have on file about your property, including:

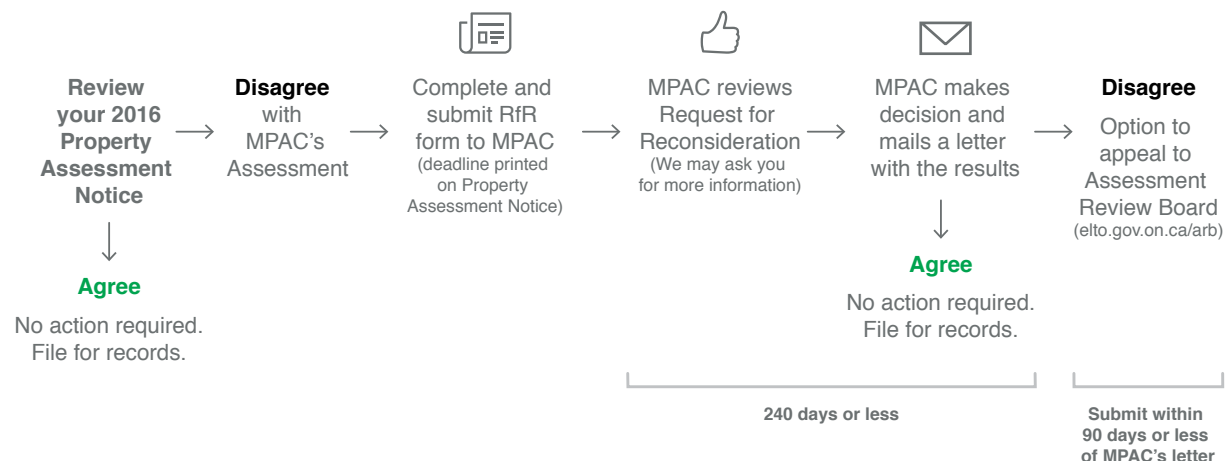
- property details, such as the size of your lot
- the size, type, condition and age of any buildings that may be on the property
- depreciation, or any other factors that could impact the current value of your property

We also compare your property's assessed value with sales and values of similar properties in the area.

How long does it take for MPAC to review my RfR?

MPAC will send you a letter with the results of our review within 180 days (or less) of when we get your request. Sometimes, we need more time (up to 60 more days) to reconsider a property assessment and complete our review. We will contact you if we need more time.

The Request for Reconsideration (RfR) Process



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Ready to send your
Request for Reconsideration?



Online: aboutmyproperty.ca

OR



mpac.ca/ContactUs



Mail: MPAC, PO Box 9808
Toronto, ON M1S 5T9

How do I submit my completed RfR?

The fastest way to start the review of your property's assessment is to send MPAC your completed RfR form through aboutmyproperty.ca. While there are a number of factors that account for the assessment of a property, location is the most important one. As a result, comparing your assessment to similar properties in your area or neighbourhood will help you review your assessment. Log in to aboutmyproperty.ca with the Roll Number and Access Key found on page one of your Property Assessment Notice to compare your property to others in your neighbourhood. You can also use the interactive map to view and save your favourite properties, and download a detailed report to accompany your RfR submission. You may also send us your completed RfR form via mpac.ca/ContactUs, or mail.

Need more information?

If you need more information or help completing the RfR form, or have any accessibility needs, please contact us for assistance at 1 866 296-MPAC (6722) or TTY 1 877 889-MPAC (6722).

How does MPAC use the information in my completed RfR?

The information on the RfR form is collected under the authority of the *Assessment Act*. It will be used to reconsider your property's assessment. Please note that if your RfR is about eligibility for the farm property class, managed forests tax incentive program, or the conservation land tax incentive program, your request must be handled by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, or the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 282/98. When you file your RfR with MPAC, you authorize MPAC to transfer your request to the appropriate ministry for this purpose. Your privacy is protected under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Appealing to the Assessment Review Board (ARB)

You may also file an appeal of MPAC's assessment with the ARB. The ARB is an independent tribunal (decision-making body) of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

Please note that if your property, or a portion of it, is classified as **residential, farm or managed forests**, you must first file an RfR with MPAC before you are eligible to appeal to the ARB.

There is a time limit to submit an appeal to the ARB. It starts on the date that MPAC issues the results of your RfR, and ends after 90 days. The deadline for submitting an appeal to the ARB will be in the letter that MPAC sends you with the results of the RfR review. You can find more information about how to file an appeal, including forms and fees, at elto.gov.on.ca/arb.

Request for Reconsideration (For Non-Residential Properties) 2017 Tax Year



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Section 1: About your property

Roll Number (see page 1 of your Property Assessment Notice)

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Property Address

Municipality

Owner 1 (Last Name, First Name)

Owner 2 (Last Name, First Name)

Company Name (if applicable)

Position/Title (if applicable)

Business Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

E-mail Address

Tell us if we should send follow-up information about your RfR to a different mailing address than the property address:

Mailing Address

What is your property's value on January 1, 2016?
(Top of page 1 of Property Assessment Notice or
Amended Property Assessment Notice)

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Section 2: Reasons why MPAC should reconsider your property's assessed value

In the box below, please tell us why you are asking MPAC to reconsider your property's assessed value. Include details to support your request. Take as much space as you need or use a second sheet of paper if you are not completing this form online.

Section 3: Supporting documentation you are providing

Please tell us if you are including any documents or photographs with your RfR to support your request.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of this property | <input type="checkbox"/> Assessed value of similar properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Other documents, such as municipal zoning records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of similar properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Information supporting property tax exemption under Section 3 of the <i>Assessment Act</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sale information for this property and other similar properties | | |

Section 4: Additions and renovations

Roll Number (see page 1 of your Property Assessment Notice)

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Additions & Renovations

Have there been any additions to the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Addition Area _____			
	Addition sq. ft. (Exterior) _____		Addition Completion Date _____	
	Addition Storeys <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Storey <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Storeys <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Storeys			
Have there been any improvements/alterations to the property since it was constructed?	Interior	Completion Year	Exterior	Completion Year
	Wiring Upgrade	_____	Exterior Cladding	_____
	New Heating System	_____	Roof Surface	_____
	Plumbing Upgrade	_____	New Windows	_____
	Structural Changes	_____	Foundation	_____
	Other: _____	_____	Other: _____	_____

Building permits

Have you been approved for a building permit for a new structure or a demolition in the last three years? Yes No
(if Yes, please provide details and completion date below)

Building permit details, comments and/or secondary structure information.

Please list any secondary structures (e.g. garages, sheds) and any other relevant information about the property.

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Section 5: Signature of owner

X	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)
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MPAC collects the information on this form under the authority of the *Assessment Act*. We will use the information to reconsider your property assessment. If you have any questions about this information collection, please contact us at 1 866 296-6722. Your privacy is protected under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Section 6: Representative information

If you would like someone else to act for you while we review your Request for Reconsideration, please complete this section and provide a Letter of Authorization for that person. You may also use the Representative Authorization Form. It is available at mpac.ca or by calling us at 1 866 296-6722.

Please note that the *Law Society Act* specifies who can act as a representative for a property owner. Persons approved by the Law Society of Upper Canada to practice law or provide legal services in Ontario do not require Letters of Authorization.

Representative Name (Last Name, First Name)	LSUC License Number	Telephone
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