WHAT IS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

Unclaimed property is defined as financial assets that have remained unclaimed by the owner for approximately five years. Unclaimed property may include:

- Unclaimed Wages
- Savings and Checking Accounts
- Money Orders and Travelers Checks
- Certificates of Deposit
- Life Insurance Policies
- Expired Gift Certificates/Gift Cards
- Stocks and Dividends
- Utility Deposits
- Safe Deposit Box Contents
- Refunds

Unclaimed property does not include real estate, boats, cars or bicycles.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF I HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

Go to www.patreasury.org

SEARCH PENNSYLVANIA’S UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DATABASE

WHAT HAPPENS TO PROPERTY THAT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY CLAIMED?

Property owners never lose their ownership rights. The Commonwealth serves as custodian, holding assets indefinitely until the owners or their heirs make a rightful claim. Upon approving a claim, the Commonwealth will turn over either the property itself or, if the property has been sold, the proceeds of the sale. By law, securities, such as stocks, are sold immediately upon receipt. Tangible property, such as jewelry, received by Treasury may be sold through the department’s eBay auction if the property owners cannot be found after two years.

HOW CAN I PREVENT MY PROPERTY FROM BECOMING UNCLAIMED?

Keep bank accounts active. Make an annual deposit or withdrawal and be sure to notify the bank of a change of address. These steps are considered owner activity and will prevent your assets from becoming unclaimed.
To check for additional names visit www.patreasury.gov Pennsylvania Treasury Department | Robin L. Wiesemann, Treasurer