

EXEMPTIONS

VETERANS who served for more than ninety days during a time of war or have been Disabled must have recorded their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk by October 1, any year in order to receive an exemption against their July tax bill.

VETERAN'S ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION: Increased exemptions are available for those who meet necessary income requirements and file with the Assessor's office by October 1, any year. Once you have filed your application you must reapply every other year. Proof of income must be furnished at time of application.

ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS Connecticut residents serving on active duty may obtain an exemption on one (1) passenger motor vehicle if proof is submitted. Proof is required every year.

ELDERLY & TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS: Connecticut law provides for Annual Tax Relief for persons who are 65 years and older or totally disabled who meet necessary qualifications. To be eligible for a benefit, application with proof of income must be made during the following dates:

HOMEOWNERS: February 1st through May 15th each year.

RENTERS: April 1st through October 1st each year

PERSONS PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED: Regardless of age, may also apply for benefits under the elderly programs as approved by OPM.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY: Any person under the age of 65 that has been awarded total disability must apply by October 1st of any year in order to receive a \$1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of award.

BLIND: A person who is legally blind in Connecticut is generally eligible for an exemption of \$3,000 of assessed evaluation on his/her property. If the property is owned jointly with a spouse or is in the name of a spouse living with the legally blind person, the exemption would generally also be available. No individual shall receive any exemption to which he is entitled by subdivision until an authorized agent or attorney has given proof satisfactory to the Assessor or Board of Assessors that he/she is blind.

HANDICAPPED EXEMPTION: Any owner of a motor vehicle that has been specially equipped to accommodate a handicapped driver or passenger may be eligible for a handicapped exemption. This exemption would include, but it not limited to, vehicles equipped with hand controls for the brake or accelerator and a wheelchair lift. To be eligible for this exemption, an application must be submitted by Oct 1st of any year and be approved by the Assessor. This exemption abates the motor vehicle tax in full. This exemption is not reimbursed by the State and is by Town ordinance.

FARMERS must file exemption forms on or before November 1st, of each year. The notarized statement on the application must be completed.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to apply under Farm, Forest or Open Space, for the first time, must file between September 1st, of any year and October 31st. Persons who have previously applied need not reapply. Persons seeking to apply for Forest must be approved by forester and file application with the assessor's office between September 1st of any year and October 31st. of any year

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be allowed exemption, if certain guidelines are met and the necessary forms are completed by November 1st each year.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS with a gross vehicle rating in excess of 26,000 lbs. should check with the Assessor's office for tax exemption eligibility. Application must be completed and filed with the assessor by November 1st any year on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management.