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Connecticut law provides for certain exemption programs and an annual tax relief for certain HOMEOWNERS. The programs are as follows:

Homeowner

Renter
(contact Human Services 860-623-2430)

Veterans

Active Servicemen

Social Security Disabled

Ambulance-type

Blind

You must be a resident of the State of Connecticut and the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for these programs:

HOMEOWNERS

1. You must own and reside at the property for which tax relief is sought. You may have Life Use or be a part owner of property which makes you liable for payment of taxes.
2. You, or your spouse (if domiciled together), must have been 65 years of age at the close of the preceeding calendar year to your application or you must be over 18 and permanently and totally disabled.
3. There is an income limit for this exemption. Income includes pension, wages, interest on accounts etc and Social Security. (for both persons if filing married) The limits are set each year by the State of Connecticut and are subject to change. You should call your local Assessor's office each January to get the current income limits as set by the State of Connecticut.
4. You must provide the Assessor with a copy of your federal income tax return, if you file one and your SSA 1099 from Social Security. The Assessor may require other forms of proof of income that may be necessary for the processing of the claim.
5. **File an application between February 1 and May 15** with the Assessor's Office of the town where you live.

RENTERS

If you are a renter within the Town of East Windsor, you may file between April 1 and October 1.

(a mobile home owner may file as a renter **OR** homeowner)

For Renters information please contact the Human Services office at:
(860) 623-2430

VETERANS

A veteran is described as a person who has served in the armed forces* as required within Connecticut General Statutes 12-81 (19) and 27-103 (see back of pamphlet for dates of war). The veteran must also meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of the State of Connecticut and must have an **Honorable Discharge**
2. Served ninety or more cumulative days except, if the war, campaign or other operation lasted less than ninety days (see back of pamphlet)
3. A person who has not served in a conflict period but is entitled to a disability pension as determined by the Veteran's Administration
4. A serviceman who is in continuous service and has previous conflict period service
5. A person who has their DD214 recorded in another Connecticut town before October 1, 1977 and has served during a "conflict period" less than 90 days

A person who has an Honorable Discharge may file an original or certified copy of their DD214 (discharge papers) **BEFORE OCTOBER 1** with the Town Clerk's Office to be eligible for exemption on the next succeeding assessment day.

If you move within the State of Connecticut, you must file your discharge paperwork with the Town Clerk's office in the town to which you moved. If you move back to a town where you had previously filed, please notify the Assessor's Office.

*armed forces are defined in §12-81(19) as:
Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Merchant Marines, and activated National Guard. National Guard activated by an act of Congress or when serving for homeland security.

If you are the widow or widower of a Veteran you may also qualify for this program.

COPIES OF DISCHARGE RECORDS (DD-214)

Contact the National Archives and Records Administration for discharge records.

Internet: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>

Telephone: 1-866-272-6272

Mail: The National Archives and Records
Admin., 8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

DISABLED VETERANS

Submit a copy of the Veteran's Disability Rating, via either a Form 20-5455 or a letter from the Veteran's Administration in accordance with CGS 12-81(20).

Under the new law, a veteran submits the proper paperwork just once. If the VA modifies a veteran's disability rating, the veteran must provide a copy of the new rating or forfeit the exemption until he/she proves their right to this exemption once again.

Upon turning the age of 65, a veterans' exemption will automatically become 100% without any further proof of disability required.

CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT

C.G.S Sec. 12-81cc allows for the portability of certain veterans' property exemptions as they may be entitled to, under subdivisions (19), (20), (22), (23), (24), (25), (26), (28) or (53) of C.G.S Section 12-81. If a person has moved within the year, they may request a letter of eligibility to be given to the Assessor's office in their current town from the prior town. This statute allows any person eligible to receive an exemption in the town they moved from, and did not receive their exemption, to have that exemption forwarded to another town, for a period of **not more than one year**. Such person must submit proof of eligibility as stated above, to be eligible for future exemptions.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

If you receive a Veteran's exemption, you may qualify for an additional exemption, provided by Connecticut General Statute 12-81f.

Once qualified for a veteran's exemption a veteran is automatically entitled to an additional exemption of half of the present exemption. For example, if a veteran is qualified for an exemption of 1,000 off his/her assessment, an additional exemption of 500 is automatically granted.

In addition, if qualified, the additional veteran's exemption may be double. The income requirements are the same as the Homeowner program. (see #3 under Homeowners section) Please bring the required proof of income ie: IRS Income Tax return and SSA 1099 for Social Security and any other proof of income to the Assessor's Office. Filing period is between February 1 and October 1 of any given year for exemption on the Grand List of the next October 1st.

NOTE: Veterans' Disability payments are not considered income for this program.

ACTIVE SERVICEMEN

C.G.S. 12-81 (53)(a) provides for the exemption of one motor vehicle belonging to, leased to or held in trust for, any member of the United States armed forces.

1. Application forms are to be obtained from the Assessor's office. Required information is: year, make, model and identification/vin number. It must also state the base of active duty, the date duty began and date duty will end.
2. Filing Deadline: Filing is to be not later than December 31st following the date the property tax is due.

You may obtain the Town of East Windsor's form for this exemption on the Town's web site:
www.eastwindsorct.com

FEDERAL SOLDIERS & SAILORS RELIEF ACT - Non Resident

If you are based in Connecticut on orders but are a legal resident of another State you may also qualify for an exemption. Application forms for this exemption may be obtained by contacting the Assessor's office.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABLED

A person who is disabled is entitled to an exemption on their property or property held in trust for them if they:

1. Qualify in accordance with federal regulations, to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security; or qualify for permanent total disability benefits under a federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act;
2. Present to the Assessor a current original Certificate of Award letter from Social Security or a current BPQY from the Department of Social Security; and
3. Sign and file the prescribed form with the Assessor by **January 31**.

ADDITIONAL DISABILITY EXEMPTION

Connecticut General Statute 12-81i provides for an additional exemption for any person receiving an exemption under §12-81 (55). To qualify:

1. A person must be receiving the SS Disabled exemption according to C.G.S. 12-81 (55).
2. For income requirements and types of proof for income, see Homeowner's section.
3. **This is an annual filing between February 1st and October 1st**

BLIND

Requirements for granting the Blind Exemption are:

1. Must provide the Assessor with a "Certification of Legal Blindness" as received from:

State of Connecticut
Department of Human Resources
Board of Education and Services for the Blind
170 Ridge Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109

2. Eligibility for exemption must be proved by **January 31.**

ADDITIONAL BLIND EXEMPTION

Connecticut General Statute 12-81j provides for an additional exemption for any person receiving an exemption under §12-81 (17). To qualify:

1. A person must be receiving the blind exemption according to C.G.S. 12-81 (17).
2. For income requirements and types of proof for income, see Homeowner's section
3. **This is an annual filing between February 1st and October 1st**

AMBULANCE-TYPE MOTOR VEHICLES

Connecticut General Statute 12-81c and Local Ordinance #86-2 provide for an exemption of any motor vehicle which is handicapped-equipped with special hand controls or other adaptations for physically-disabled passengers and/or drivers, or a motor vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual, except any such vehicle used to transport any such individual for payment.

The application can be obtained at the Assessor's office and must be filed "within thirty (30) days following the annual assessment date ie: October 1st.

Connecticut General Statute 27-103
DATES of WAR
As amended by Public Act 09-117

Spanish-American War
April 21, 1898 to July 4, 1902
Spanish-American War - Moro Province
August 21, 1898 to July 15, 1903¹
Mexican Boxer Rebellion
March 10, 1916 to April 6, 1917
World War I
April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
World War I - Russia
April 6, 1917 to April 1, 1920²
World War II
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946³
Korean Conflict
June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
Vietnam Era
February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975
Lebanon
July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 or
September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984⁴
Invasion of Grenada
October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983⁴
Operation Earnest Will
July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990⁴
(Operation Earnest Will involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil
tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf)
Invasion of Panama
December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990⁴
Persian Gulf War
After August 2, 1990⁵

"and shall include service during such periods with the armed forces of any government associated with the United States."

ALSO ELIGIBLE: If DD214 is recorded in another Connecticut town before October 1, 1977 and having served during above period less than 90 days

- ¹ The Spanish American War includes the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion and service in the Moro Province, for which the ending date is eleven days later than the ending date for the Spanish American War.
- ² The ending date for service in Russia by a person serving with the United State military forces during World War I differs from the ending date for all service during that war.
- ³ Pursuant to § 12-86, twelve o'clock midnight on December 31, 1947 is the World War II termination date for purposes of granting a property tax exemption.
- ⁴ A person must have served in a combat or combat support role for the duration of a campaign lasting less than 90 days (i.e., the Invasions of Grenada and Panama) in order to qualify for a property tax exemption. A person must also have served in a combat or combat support role in Lebanon or in Operation Earnest Will, during the specified dates, in order to qualify for an exemption. An Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to such individuals.
- ⁵ Although referred to as the Persian Gulf War, service in the Persian Gulf is not required, nor is service in a combat or combat support role.