

## Veterans

### Active Duty

An Active Duty (AOA) form must be completed and returned to the Assessor, not later than December 31<sup>st</sup> following the date the property tax is due. The Assessor may require you to submit information verifying a motor vehicle lease.

### Veteran's Exemption

A person applying for the basic veteran's exemption must be as of the October 1<sup>st</sup> assessment date:

1. A Connecticut resident
2. Either the record owner of, hold life use in, or be the beneficiary of a trust estate with respect to the property on which the exemption will be applied
3.
  - a. Have provided the Town Clerk with a copy of the DD-214 form noting Honorable discharge by September 30<sup>th</sup>  
OR
  - b. Have provided the Town Clerk with a copy of the DD-214 form noting Other Than Honorable discharge accompanied by CT DVA OTH Form by September 30<sup>th</sup>
4. Have served at least 90 days during a time of war or duration of recognized military conflict. See the Periods of War for eligibility. 100% disabled veterans do not have to meet the 90 day requirement.

This exemption is applied to the assessed value of real estate or motor vehicles and is also allowed on leased vehicles.

### Disabled Veteran Exemption

The State also provides for additional exemptions to disabled veterans. Benefits above the basic exemption are determined by the percentage of disability a veteran has. A copy of the disability award letter from the United States Veterans Administration must be provided to the Assessor. This exemption will increase as of the assessment date following his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. A rating of 10% or higher will qualify as Totally Disabled (100 %).

### Income Limited Disabled Veterans

#### **Requirements:**

Must not exceed income eligibility - \$18,000 for single and \$21,000 married Adjusted Gross Income (not including Social Security benefit or VA Disability Income)

### Additional Veteran Exemption

Veterans must meet the basic criteria and also the State income limits. \$37,000 for single and \$45,100 for married

1. The filing period is February 1 - October 1. Fill out the Additional Veterans application and submit along with your proof of income to the Assessor. Applicants must re-file every 2 years.

# State & Town Tax Relief for Income Limited Seniors, Disabled & Veterans

**ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**  
50 Church St  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

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(860) 627-1448

Hours: M-W 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00-1:00pm

John Creed, CCMA I Assessor

Kristy Hunter, Deputy Assessor

Victoria Peyton, Assessor Clerk



## State of Connecticut

### Tax Relief Programs

#### Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Program

Tax credit is only for property of residence. The benefit is based on a graduated income scale.

##### **Requirements:**

1. Resident of property Owned or retaining Life Use as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year before applying.
2. Resident of and living in Connecticut for one year.
3. Applicant or spouse 65+ years of age or 100% disabled per Social Security or a surviving spouse 50+ years of age
4. File application with the Assessor February 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Call to schedule an appointment.
5. Proof of income requires a completed Federal Tax Return and Social Security annual statement of benefits form 1099. Following approval of the initial application, the applicant must file biennially. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Assessor of any change in income or eligibility status. Note: Qualifying income limits change periodically.

#### Tax Exemption for Blind Persons

State law provides an assessment reduction of 3,000 for blind property owners.

##### **Requirements:**

1. An applicant must meet the definition of blind in Connecticut General Statute 12-92.
2. Provide proof of blindness such as a certification by a qualified doctor.
3. Filing deadline October 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Tax Exemption for Disabled Persons

State law provides an assessment reduction of 1,000 for permanently and totally disabled property owners.

##### **Requirements:**

1. Qualified as permanent and totally disabled by Social Security or other Federal, State or local retirement program
2. Provide proof of total disability (award letter) to the Assessor.
3. Filing deadline October 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Renters Rebate Program

##### **Requirements:**

1. Must file an application annually with the Town of Windsor Locks between April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The applicant or the spouse must be 65 years of age or older or be 100% disabled (per Social Security) or be 50 and be a surviving spouse.
3. Must have lived in Connecticut for one year.
4. Thirty-five percent of applicant's annual rent must exceed 5% of the applicant's annual income. (Must not exceed State income guidelines.)
5. A Federal income tax form must be provided along with SSA 1099. In addition, rent and utility payments made in the previous calendar year must be provided.

## Town of Windsor Locks

### Tax Relief Programs

#### Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Programs

The Town of Windsor Locks has adopted an ordinance allowed by state law to provide tax relief to elderly and disabled residents.

##### **Requirements:**

1. 65+ years of age or totally disabled. Surviving spouse must be at least 62 years of age to continue benefit. Only one benefit allowed per household.
2. Totally disabled (proof required in the

form of Notice of Award Letter or TPQY from Social Security Administration). Benefit is removed when the disabled applicant is deceased.

3. Residence one year preceding Grand List of October.
4. Own or Life Use and occupy the property as legal domicile for which taxes are paid to the Town of Windsor Locks. Occupy more than 183 days a year.
5. Qualifying income must not exceed \$37,000 single or \$45,100 married. Income limits are adjusted periodically.
6. Proof of income requires a completed Federal Tax Return, Social Security 1099.

Following approval of the initial application by the Assessor, the applicant must renew biennially. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Assessor of any change in income. Partial ownership applicants will receive the benefit equal to the percentage of ownership e.g. if 50% ownership receives 50% of benefit.

**Filing period is February 1<sup>st</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Call to schedule an appointment to apply or renew at (860) 627-1448.**

*Failure to file constitutes cause for removal from the program.*