

State Elderly and 100%Disabled Homeowner Tax Relief Program

To qualify the applicant must meet the following conditions:

- Property owners/life use and/or spouses who are 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year preceding the **filing period (Feb. 15 - May 15)** or totally disabled persons are eligible regardless of age as long as they have provided proof of total permanent disability to the Assessor's Office.
- The claimant must reside at the property or hold life use.
- The claimants qualifying income **must not exceed the yearly limits provided by the State of Connecticut.** You must bring all income information for the preceding calendar year. This includes income tax forms, bank interest statements, dividends receipts and your SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement. This information is necessary to complete the application.

INCOME LIMITS

All income received including Social Security

	MARRIED	SINGLE
Income Maximum	\$ 45,100	\$ 37,000
Benefit Maximum	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,000
Benefit Minimum	\$ 150	\$ 150

Tax credits, once filed for and approved by the Assessor Office, extend for a two-year assessment period. You will receive a reminder letter in the mail after the two years stating you need to reapply. If you do not reapply, the credit is automatically removed.

Local Freeze Program

LOCAL TAX FREEZE (FOR THE ELDERLY HOMEOWNER)

To qualify for the tax freeze the applicant must meet all the following conditions:

- Applicant must be seventy 70 years of age or older and must be the owner of record of the property and must reside at the property.
- Applicant must have resided in the City of West Haven for at least twenty consecutive years.
- Applicant's yearly income must not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a couple or thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for a single person. Social Security payments are not counted toward income.
- There are no children residing in the property under age 25, in which the taxes are to be frozen.
- The property on which the taxes are to be frozen must be applicant's primary residence.
- This is an annually filing.

TOTALLY DISABLED

Individuals must possess a social security disability award letter or permanent total disability proof under any federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan. The filing period is on or before October 1st. This exemption is \$1,000 and is deducted from the assessment.

BLIND

This exemption is available to any blind person who presents an official certificate from a medical practitioner verifying his/her legal blindness. Application must be made on or before October 1st. This exemption is \$3,000 and is deducted from the assessment.