

# 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
<b>Income Maximum</b>	\$ 45,800	\$ 37,600
<b>Benefit Maximum</b>	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,000
<b>Benefit Minimum</b>	\$ 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.

## Blind Exemption

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.