



Town of Cromwell
Assessor's Office
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Connecticut law provides for certain exemption programs and an annual tax relief for certain Homeowners. The programs are as follows:

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Renters (contact Social Services at 860-632-3446 - You may file between May 15th and September 15th at the Social Services Office.

For all of these Benefits you must be a resident of the Town of Cromwell.



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State Homeowner's Benefit

The State of Connecticut provides a reduction, based on the table below, in taxes. Applicants must file biennially with the Assessor's Office. This is a tax reduction benefit depending on income from \$150 to \$1,250.

1. Application must be filed not earlier than **Feb. 1st or later then May 15th** to be eligible for the benefit for the upcoming July bill.
2. Applicant must be the Owner of Record or have Life Use on or before the preceding October 1st.
3. You, or your spouse (if domiciled together), must have been 65 years of age by December 31st of the prior year.
4. Income must not exceed \$28,800 unmarried and \$35,300 married "income" is defined as adjusted gross income on your 2006 Income tax filing, tax exempt interest and realized capital gains. Social security also needs to be added to your gross income to determine your eligibility. These income limits change every year and I would encourage to call the assessor's office every January for the most up to date amounts.

Copies of your IRS 1040 should be submitted as proof of income.

If no 1040 is filed, we need ALL income proofs: i.e. bank interest (1099), dividends earned during filing year, pension payments received whether taxable or not, social security payments for each, etc. If your income is higher than the IRS minimum requirements then a letter from a certified Connecticut public account stating that you are not required to file a 1040 to the IRS must be included.

Social Security / Totally Disabled

A person who is disabled is entitled to an exemption on their property or property held in trust for them. This benefit is a 1,000 reduction of your property assessment.

1. You must be a resident of the State of Connecticut.
2. 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.
3. Present to the Assessor an original Certificate of Award letter from Social Security or a current TPQY from the Dept. of Social Security.
4. Sign the prescribed form with the **Assessor by the signing of the Grand List**, which occurs normally the **second week of January**.



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Veterans

A veteran is described as person who has served in the armed forces as required within Connecticut General Statute §12-81 (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25) or (26) and 27-103. Currently the benefit is 1,500 off the assessment of either your real estate or your motor vehicle. This benefit is reviewed during revaluation, which can change based on the change of the Grand List. Requirements for this benefit are:

1. Must file an original or certified copy of their DD214 (discharge papers) with the Town Clerk's Office on or before **September 30th** to be eligible for exemption on the next succeeding assessment day.
2. Must have an Honorable Discharge.
3. Served 90 or more days except, if the war, campaign or other operation lasted less than 90 days or
 - a. Have a disability pension as determined by the Veteran's Administration.
 - b. A serviceman who is in continuous service and has previous conflict period service.
 - c. A person who has their DD214 recorded in another Connecticut Town before 10/1/77 and has served during a "conflict period" less than 90 days.

If you move within the State of Connecticut you must file your DD214 with Town Clerk's Office in the Town to which you moved. If you move back to a town where you previously filed, you must reactivate your exemption with the Assessor's Office.

Additional Veterans Exemption

If you are presently receiving a Veteran's exemption you may qualify for an additional exemption provided by Connecticut General Statutes §12-81f. The income requirements are the same as the State Homeowner's Benefit. If you think you may qualify please complete the ([Additional Vet Exemption](#)) form and bring the required proof of income i.e. Tax Return and SSA 1099 to the Assessor's Office for filing. You must file before **October 1st** to be eligible for exemption on the next succeeding assessment day. This benefit would match the Veterans exemption that is entitled.

Active Duty Serviceman

Connecticut General Statute §12-81 (53) allows complete exemption for active servicemen on one vehicle 12-81 (53) (b) if:

1. Application is filed by **December 31st** of the year initially billed. ([Armed Services Exemption](#))
2. Such motor vehicle is garaged outside the State of Connecticut.
3. Original request must be made upon military stationery stating the vehicle information i.e.: year, make, model and Identification number and must be signed by your commanding officer. It must also state the base of active duty, the date duty began and date duty will end.



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Blind

Blindness is defined in Connecticut State Statute §12-92. The benefit is a reduction of 3,000 of a property's assessment. Requirements for granting the Blind Exemption are:

1. Must be a resident of the State of Connecticut.
2. 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 Rd.
Wethersfield, Conn. 06109

3. File application to the **Assessor before the signing of the Grand List**, which occurs normally the **second week of January**. ([Blind Exemption Application](#))

Additional Blind

Must meet the blind requirements and also meet the income requirements listed in the State Homeowner's benefit. The additional benefit is 2,000 reduction in your property's assessment.

This benefit must be filed annually before October 1st. ([Additional Blind Exemption Application](#))

Handicapped Retrofitted Vehicles

The Town of Cromwell has enacted by local ordinance (Chapter 197 Article III) Public Act 98-125. This exempts any motor vehicle, which is owned and used by a person with disability.

1. Must be a resident of the Town of Cromwell.
2. File an application to the Tax Assessor on or before **October 1st** ([Handicap Retro Application](#))
3. Documentation of how the vehicle was retrofitted including the date
4. Signed statement by a physician as to applicant's disability Renters

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