



### **Exemptions for Veterans, Service Members or Survivors; and Tax Relief for Elderly Homeowners or Totally Disabled Homeowners**

Each program's features and benefits are summarized in the tables inside this brochure.

For dates of qualifying wartime service, contact the assessor's office or see the assessor's page on the town web site at:  
<http://www.simsbury-ct.gov/assessor.htm>

### **Motor Vehicle Exemption for Service Members**

For these residents an exemption is provided for one motor vehicle. Filings must be made no later than December 31 of the year in which the car tax bill became due. Contact the assessor's office for further information.

### **Service Members Civil Relief Act**

This is a federal law which exempts the personal property of those stationed in one state, but domiciled elsewhere. An affidavit is required.

### **Other Exemptions: Property of Totally-Disabled Persons**

Property to an assessment of \$1,000 is exempted for one who has been found eligible for Social

Security benefits on the basis of permanent and total disability, or who, if not covered under Social Security, qualifies under a corresponding program. Residents who are 65 and over, and but for age, would qualify for Social Security disability benefits are also eligible.

Residents must apply once to the assessor by January 31 in order to be effective on the following July's tax bill. The appropriate proof, such as an award letter, must accompany the application. Qualifying for this exemption is preliminary to qualifying for the Tax Credit for Elderly or Totally Disabled Homeowners for those who are under the age of 65.

### **Tax Exemptions for Lower-Income Blind**

This exempts an additional assessment of \$2,000 for legally blind taxpayers whose 2008 income does not exceed \$37,300 if married, or \$30,500 if single. This is in addition to the \$3,000 exemption for the blind, for a total \$5,000 exemption.

The exemption requires a certificate of legal blindness from the state Board of Education and Services for the Blind. Both the certificate and the application for the additional exemption are due by **October 1**. The income-related application only, (not the certificate of legal blindness) must be made annually by October 1.

### **Fifty Per Cent Exemption for a Motor Vehicle retrofitted for use by handicapped persons**

This exempts 50% of the assessment for specially outfitted vehicles, such as those having lifts. Apply once to the assessor's office for each qualifying vehicle.



## **Simsbury Residents: Do You Qualify for Property Tax Relief?**

Assessor's Office / **Town Of Simsbury**  
933 Hopmeadow Street / Simsbury CT 06070  
Phone (860) 658-3251 / Fax (860) 658-3285

On the web at:  
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**Veterans/Service Members Exemption  
File Proof of Qualifying Service by September 30<sup>(a)</sup>**

Type	Qualifications	Income	Regular	State Additional 50%
12-81(19)	90 Days' Service During Period of War (b)	None	\$1,000	\$500
12-81(20)	VA 10% - 100% Disabled At least 10% + Age 65	None	\$1500 to \$3,000	\$750 to \$3,000
12-81(21b)	Surviving Spouse	None	\$3,000	\$1,500

(a) Annually, while in service; once, if no longer serving

(b) Exception for campaigns less than 90 days

**Additional Veterans/Service Members – State Program  
Income Limits – 2009 Grand List  
Filing Period: February 1 – October 1**

Type	Qualifications	Maximum Income	Assessment Exemption	State Additional	Local Option
12-81g	Reg. Vet/Surviving Spouse- Single	\$30,500	\$1,000	\$2,000	10%
	Reg. Vet/Surviving Spouse- Married/ Qualified Widow(er)	\$37,300	\$1,000	\$2,000	10%
	Vet/Survivor Disabled - Single	\$30,500	\$1,500 - \$3,000	200% of Regular	N/A
	Vet/Survivor Disabled - Married/ Qualified Widow(er)	\$37,300	\$1,500 - \$3,000	200% of Regular	N/A
	Vet. 100% Disabled - Single	*\$18,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	N/A
	Vet. 100% Disabled - Married	*\$21,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	N/A

\* Income - Excluding Social Security

**Additional Veterans/Service Members – Town Program  
Income Limits – October 1, 2009 Grand List  
Filing Period: February 1 – October 1**

Type	Qualifications	Maximum Income	Assessment Exemption	State Additional	Local Option
12-81(19)	Regular Vet. - Single/Surviving Spouse	\$55,500	\$1,000	\$500	10%
12-81(22)	Regular Vet. - Married/Qualified Widow(er)	\$62,300	\$1,000	\$500	10%

**Elderly or Totally Disabled Homeowners' Tax Relief – Local Program  
Income and Tax Credit Information<sup>(1)</sup>  
Filing Period: February 1 – May 15**

Income	Town Benefit	Tax Credit Maximum Including Town Benefit	
		Married	Single
\$0 - 15,200	\$1,500 (+State Benefit)	\$2,750	\$2,500
15,200 - 20,500	\$1,200 (+State Benefit)	\$2,200	\$1,950
20,500 - 25,600	\$900 (+State Benefit)	\$1,650	\$1,400
25,600 - 30,500	\$600 (+State Benefit)	\$1,100	\$850
30,500 - 37,300	\$500 (+State Benefit)	\$750	\$500
37,300 - 47,300	\$500	\$500	\$500

(1) For taxes first coming due on July 1, 2009