

## **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 in 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>

### **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 for the exemption 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 2015 income does not exceed \$42,900 if married, or \$35,200 if single. This is in addition to the \$3,000 exemption for the blind, for a total exemption of \$5,000.

The exemption requires a certificate of legal blindness from the state Bureau 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?**



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**VETERANS / SERVICE MEMBERS EXEMPTION  
FILE PROOF OF QUALIFYING SERVICE BY SEPTEMBER 30 (a)**

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	None	\$1500 to \$3,000	\$750 to \$1,500
	At least 10% + Age 65	None	\$3,000	\$1,500
12-81(21b)	Surviving Spouse	None	Same as veteran had at time of death	

(a) Annually, while in service; once, if no longer serving. Present the original or a certified copy of the honorable discharge to the town clerk. A veteran having a disability rating, whose discharge is on file by September 30, has until March 31 to provide proof of the rating by the VA.

(b) Exception for campaigns less than 90 days

**ADDITIONAL VETERANS / SERVICE MEMBERS - STATE PROGRAM**

INCOME LIMITS – OCTOBER 1 GRAND LIST

**FILING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1 - OCTOBER 1**

TYPE	QUALIFICATIONS	MAXIMUM INCOME	ASSESSMENT EXEMPTION	STATE ADDITIONAL
12-81g	Reg. Vet/Surviving Spouse- Single	\$35,200	\$1,000	\$2,000
	Reg. Vet/Surviving Spouse- Married/ Qualified Widow(er)	\$42,900	\$1,000	\$2,000
	Vet/Survivor Disabled - Single	\$35,200	\$1,500 - \$3,000	200% of Regular
	Vet/Survivor Disabled - Married/ Qualified Widow(er)	\$42,900	\$1,500 - \$3,000	200% of Regular
	Vet. 100% Disabled - Single	* \$18,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
	Vet. 100% Disabled - Married	* \$21,000	\$3,000	\$6,000

\* Income - Excluding Social Security

**ADDITIONAL VETERANS / SERVICE MEMBERS - TOWN PROGRAM**

INCOME LIMITS - OCTOBER 1 GRAND LIST

**FILING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1 - OCTOBER 1**

TYPE	QUALIFICATIONS	MAXIMUM INCOME	ASSESSMENT EXEMPTION	STATE ADDITIONAL	TOWN
12-81(19)	Regular Vet. - Single/Surviving Spouse	\$60,200	\$1,000	\$500	10%*
12-81(22)	Regular Vet. - Married/Qualified Widow(er)	\$67,900	\$1,000	\$500	10%*

\*Ten per cent of the assessment to which the exemption is applied

**ELDERLY OR TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF - LOCAL PROGRAM**

INCOME AND TAX CREDIT INFORMATION (1)

**FILING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1 - MAY 13**

INCOME OVER TO	TOWN BENEFIT	TAX CREDIT <b>MAXIMUM</b> INCLUDING TOWN BENEFIT	
		MARRIED	SINGLE
\$0 - 17,600	\$1,750 (+State Benefit)	\$3,000	\$2,750
17,600 23,600	\$1,500 (+State Benefit)	\$2,500	\$2,250
23,600 29,500	\$1,250 (+State Benefit)	\$2,000	\$1,750
29,500 35,200	\$1,000 (+State Benefit)	\$1,500	\$1,250
35,200 42,900	\$ 800 (+State Benefit)	\$1,050	\$ 800
42,900 52,900	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 650

(1) For taxes first coming due on July 1, 2016