

## Summary of Wilmington Property Tax Relief Programs-FY2017

<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	<b>BLIND EXEMPTION</b> M.G.L Ch 59 § 5	<b>VETERANS EXEMPTION</b> M.G.L. Ch 59 § 5 Various Clauses	<b>ELDERLY EXEMPTION</b> M.G.L. Ch 59 § 5 (41C )	<b>ELDERLY/ SURVIVING SPOUSE/ MINORS</b> M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 5K cl 17D	<b>ABATEMENT SENIOR WORK-OFF</b> M.G.L. Ch. 59 § 5K	<b>SENIOR DEFERRAL</b> M.G.L. Ch 59 § 5 cl 41A	<b>SENIOR "CIRCUIT BREAKER" TAX CREDIT</b> TIR 06-17
<b>Assistance Type</b>	Reduces local property tax liability	Reduces local property tax liability for veterans with a service related disability and /or certain medals. Also for the widows of eligible veterans.	Reduces local property tax liability of senior	Reduces local property tax liability of Senior, Surviving Spouses and Minors	Reduces local property tax liability of senior in exchange for volunteer service to municipality.	Defers payment of local property tax owed by senior until house is sold or until settlement of estate.	Reduces state income taxes owed (or provides refund if none owned) for senior whose property taxes (and 50% of water/sewer charges) exceeds 10% of income
<b>Eligible Age as of July 1st</b>	N/A	N/A	70	70 Senior No age limit on Surviving Spouse	60	65	65* FY 16 #'s
<b>Income Limit</b>	N/A	N/A	Single <b>\$20,000</b> Max. Married <b>\$30,000</b> Max.  <u>Including Soc. Security:</u> Single <b>\$24,523</b> Max. Married <b>\$36,785</b> Max.	N/A	Limited Financial Resources	<b>Currently \$40,000</b> Maximum	*Single Non-HOH: <b>\$57,000</b> Max. HOH: <b>\$71,000</b> Max. Married: <b>\$85,000</b> Max.
<b>Asset Limit</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>\$40,000</b> if single <b>\$50,000</b> if married excluding value of domicile	Asset Limit <b>\$50,000</b> Excluding value of domicile	N/A	N/A	<b>\$693,000</b> of assessed valuation of domicile if homeowner
<b>Assistance Amount</b>	\$500 exemption	\$400 up to entire tax amount	\$500 exemption	\$175 exemption	<b>\$800. based on \$10.00 per hour~ max 80 hrs</b>	Any amount up to maximum deferral	<b>\$1,070</b> Maximum
<b>Other Qualifications</b>	* Must provide Certificate of Blindness from Massachusetts Commission for the Blind as of July 1st	* Must provide letter from Veteran's Administration showing service connected percent disability	* Must Own & Occupy prop for any 5 yrs * Have been MA resident for 10 consecutive yrs before application date	* Seniors Must Own and Occupy property as domicile for any 5 yrs. * Surviving spouse only own & occupy as of July 1st	* Must be Owner or current spouse * Must occupy property for which taxes are paid * Wilmington Resident	Interest rate is calculated annually based on the two-year constant maturity Treasury rate as of the start of each fiscal year. * The interest rate for Fiscal Year 2017 is 8.00% * Own & occupy prop for 5 yrs * MA resident 10yrs	Automatic annual increase in income limits, assessed valuation and credit amount by statute.  *Parameters may change at end of tax year. Confirm with State taxpayer service prior to filing taxes.
<b>Application Procedure</b>	File annual application with local assessors	File annual application with local assessors	File annual application with local assessors	File annual application with local assessors.	Applications will be available in Town Manager's Office on October 1, 2016.	File annual application with local assessors	<b>File with state income taxes – taxpayer service 1-800-392-6089</b>

All clauses are fully explained in Massachusetts General Laws. The Assessors' Office has brochures on the various programs and exemptions offered.

**FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE:**

The staff of the Board of Assessors is available to assist in answering any questions or concerns about your property tax assessment.

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