

WHITMAN ASSESSORS OFFICE



PROPERTY EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 2015

Clause 17D – Surviving Spouse / Elderly

If eligible, this allows **\$189** off of your taxes for fiscal year 2015.

Eligibility requirements for Surviving Spouse:

- * Your assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs/motor vehicles cannot exceed \$40,000
- * You must be a widow or widower before July 1, 2014
- * You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2014

Eligibility requirements for Elderly:

- * You or your spouse must be at least 70 years old as of July 1, 2014
- * You and/or your spouse must occupy and co-own the property as of July 1, 2014
- * Your combined assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs/motor vehicles cannot exceed \$40,000

Clause 41C – Elderly

If eligible, this allows **\$500** off of your taxes for fiscal years 2015.

Eligibility requirements for an elderly exemption, if single:

- * You must be 70 years or older before July 1, 2014
- * Your income must be less than \$13,976 (excluding up to \$4,447 in Social Security benefits or Fed./MA/municipality government pensions for full year recipients)
- * Your assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs motor vehicles cannot exceed \$30,102
- * You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2014

Eligibility requirements for an elderly exemption, if married:

- * You or your spouse must be 70 years or older before July 1, 2014
- * Your combined income must be less than \$16,126 (excluding up to \$6,671 for both spouses in Social Security benefits or Fed./MA/municipality government pensions for full year recipients)
- * Your combined assets in bank/stocks/CDs/IRAs motor vehicles cannot exceed \$32,252
- * You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2014

Clause 37A – Blind Person

If eligible, this allows **\$500** off of your taxes for fiscal year 2015.

Eligibility requirements for a blind person exemption:

- * You must submit an updated Commission of the Blind Certificate each year
- * You must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2014

Clause 22, 22A, 22E – Disabled Veterans

The veteran or spouse must own and occupy the property as of July 1, 2014. For each clause below, surviving spouses of those veterans who qualified are also eligible.

If eligible, a **Clause 22** exemption allows **\$400** off of your taxes for fiscal year 2015.

Those who can apply for a Clause 22 exemption:

- * A veteran with a 10% or more, war-connected disability
- * A veteran with a Purple Heart
- * Parents of soldiers/sailors who lost their lives
- * Surviving spouses of World War I soldiers/sailors who remain unmarried

If eligible, a **Clause 22A** exemption allows **\$750** off of your taxes for fiscal year 2015.

Those who can apply for a Clause 22A exemption:

- * A veteran who lost or suffered permanent loss of the use of one foot, or hand, or eye
- * A veteran that has been awarded the:
 - Congressional Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross
 - Navy or Air Force Cross

If eligible, a **Clause 22E** exemption allows **\$1,000** off of your taxes for fiscal year 2015.

Those who can apply for a Clause 22E exemption:

- * Veterans with 100% war service connected disability. A new VA 100% disability notice must be supplied every year.

Paraplegic Veterans Exemption

Veterans who are certified by the Veteran's Administration as Paraplegics receive a 100% exemption.

Clause 42- Police/Firefighter

A widow/widower of a police officer or firefighter who have been killed in the line of duty receive a 100% exemption.

The exemption forms are due in the Assessors Office no later than 3 months after the Actual Tax Bill is mailed, which happens at the end of December. Exemption forms are available in the Assessors Office, the Town's website, and www.mass.gov. If you have any questions, please call the Assessors office.