

#### TOWN OF OXFORD

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# Tax Relief Programs

The following is a summary of property tax relief programs available in Oxford to those meeting eligibility requirements, income thresholds and a reference to the Connecticut General Statutes.

# A. Elderly/Disabled Homeowners and Renters Programs

Filing Period for Homeowners: Feb. 1 - May 15.

Filing Period for Renters: April 1 - Oct. 1

Eligibility: Homeowners over age 65 (or surviving spouse over age 50) and the disabled (ie; total disability as defined by the Social Security program). Applicants must own a house and be a resident of that dwelling as of October 1, 2024.

Income: Married taxpayers with an income less than \$53,400 Single taxpayers with an income less than \$43,800.

Description: The percentage reduction and maximum/minimum credit are based on income CGS 12-170(aa) -12-170(cc).

## B. Veterans Exemption Program

Eligibility: Active duty service or has served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corp, and activated National Guard. National Guard activated by an act of Congress or when serving for homeland security. Services of 90 cumulative days or more (see Dates of War); or Service in combat or combat support role lasting less than 90 days.(a) Awarded the expeditionary medal (b) Service for the duration of the campaign (Lebanon).

Active Duty – Application (available in the Assessor's Office or online) stating active duty status, filed by December 31st, with the Assessor's Office, annually.

Discharged – Veteran's honorable discharge (DD214) filed by October 1st with Town Clerk. No income is set for the basic exemption.

# Additional Veterans' Exemption

Basic exemption for married veterans with an income less than \$53,400 and single veterans with income less than \$43,800.

Description: The basic exemption is \$2,000 off your assessment from the town and \$4,000 off your assessment from the state. The basic state exemption is doubled (\$8,000 off your assessment) for lower income veterans meeting the income levels.

## C. Disability Exemption Program

Eligibility: All totally disabled (non service connected)

Income: No income requirement.

Description: All disabled homeowners get a \$1,000 assessment exemption.

## D. Blind Exemption Program

Eligibility: All legally blind homeowners are eligible.

Income: No income requirement.

Description: All blind homeowners get a \$3,000 assessment exemption. CGS 12-81(17)

#### E. Ordinance exempting certain ambulance type motor vehicles

Description: After inspection and approval by the Assessor's Office, of any ambulance type motor vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual, except any such vehicle used to transport any individual for payment. CGS 12-81 C

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Please Note: Income guidelines subject to change.

#### Dates of wars, military campaigns, and operations under §27-103.

World War II December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946(1)

Korean Conflict June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955

Vietnam Era February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975

Lebanon July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 or September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984(2)

Invasion of Grenada October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983(2)

Operation Earnest Will July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990

Invasion of Panama December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990(2)

Persian Gulf War After August 2, 1990(3)

- (1) Pursuant to §12-86, twelve o'clock midnight on December 31, 1947 is the World War II termination date for purposes of granting a property tax exemption.
- (2) A person must have served in combat support role for the duration of a campaign lasting less than 90 days (i.e. the Invasion of Grenada and Panama) in order to qualify for a property tax exemption. A person must also have served in a combat or combat support role in Lebanon during the specific dates, in order to qualify for an exemption. An armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to such individuals
- (3) Although referred to as the Persian Gulf War, service in the Persian Gulf is not required, nor is service in a combat or combat support role.