

Veterans Exemption

If you are a Veteran, you may be eligible for a property tax exemption.

You must file your discharge (DD-214) with the Fairfield Town Clerk (611 Old Post Road/203-256-3090) by September 30 to be eligible for the exemption the following year.

More details are below – you should contact the Fairfield Assessor's Office at 203-256-3110 or 611 Old Post Road once your DD-214 is filed to review what exemptions are available to you.

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A person making application for the basic \$12,000 Veterans exemption under §12-81(19) must be as of the October 1st assessment date:

- A Connecticut resident; and
- Either the record owner of, hold life use in, or be the beneficiary of a trust estate with respect to the property on which the exemption will be applied; and
- Have provided the Fairfield Town Clerk (611 Old Post Road/203-256-3090) with a copy of the honorable discharge form (DD-214) by September 30th; and
- Have served at least 90 days during a time of war or recognized military conflict. See the Periods of War for eligibility [here](#). 100% disabled Veterans do not have to meet the 90-day requirement.

This exemption is applied to the assessed value of real estate or motor vehicles and is allowed on leased vehicles.

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Disabled Veteran Exemption

The State also provides for additional exemptions to disabled Veterans. Benefits above the basic \$12,000 are determined by the percentage of disability a Veteran may have. A copy of the disability rating slip from the United States Veterans Administration must be provided to the Assessor before the Board of the Assessment Appeals completes its duties in March.

Once a Veteran reaches the age of 65, this exemption will increase as of the assessment date following the Veteran's 65th birthday.

Surviving Spouse Rights

The surviving spouse of any person, who at time of such person's death was entitled to and had the exemption, shall be entitled to the same exemption.

State Additional Veteran Exemption

Veterans must meet the basic criteria and also the State income limits. This exemption doubles the basic assessment exemption. The filing period is February 1 to October 1. For more information on completing application and submitting your proof of income, contact the Fairfield Assessor's Office at 203-256-3110 or 611 Old Post Road. Applicants must re-file every two years.

Active Duty

One vehicle owned or leased by any military Connecticut resident may be fully exempt from property taxes. Non-residents stationed in Connecticut may also qualify for a full exemption on their vehicles.

Low-Income Veterans

Low-income Veterans or their widow(ers) may be eligible to receive an additional exemption. Home-ownership is not required. Please see surviving spouse rights above.

In order to qualify, an applicant must file between February 1 and October 1 for the exemption to be applied to the next assessment year's taxes. Proof of income must be submitted at the time of application. In addition, the original or certified copy of the Veteran's DD-214 must be on file in the Town Clerk's Office (611 Old Post Road) by the prior September 30.