

Property Tax Work-Off Program

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be sixty (60) years of age or older as of July 1, 2024*
- Must have principal place of residence in Newton, Massachusetts as of July 1, 2024
- Must have gross income less than \$50,000 if such person is single and not head of household, less than \$60,000 if such person is head of household, or less than \$70,000 if such person files a joint tax return with spouse.

UPON APPROVAL, THE SENIOR IS ELIGIBLE TO EARN UP TO \$3,000.00 WHICH WILL BE CREDITED TO TAXPAYER'S REAL ESTATE TAX BILL.**

*See website for Veteran Work-Off rules and award amounts

**Federal Tax and other deductions will be withheld

Newton Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund

The City of Newton has created a special fund to assist elderly and/or disabled persons of low income and assets who are having problems paying their property taxes.

The **Newton Taxation Aid Fund** provides modest grants to help elderly and/or disabled citizens faced with temporary financial hardships. The grants are used to pay a small portion of a homeowner's real estate taxes.

Priority is given to property owners who do not qualify for aid from other tax assistance programs.

For complete details, requirements and an application visit www.newtonma.gov/gov/assessor/programs.asp, call 617-796-1160 or visit Room 111 at Newton City Hall.

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Department of Assessment Administration

As provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, the Board of Assessors administers tax assistance programs for various eligible property owners. The programs are summarized in this folder.

Additional information and the necessary application can be obtained by visiting www.newtonma.gov/gov/assessor/programs.asp or calling the Department of Assessment Administration at 617-796-1160.

Applications must be filed with the Board of Assessors on or before **April 1, 2025**. Applications must be filed on time and annually.

General Information

www.newtonma.gov/gov/assessor/programs.asp

Hours

Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact us

assessing@newtonma.gov

617-796-1160

1000 Commonwealth Ave., Room 111
Newton, MA 02459

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Fiscal Year 2025 Guide to Tax Assistance Programs

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For Older Citizens CLAUSE 41C

To qualify, a taxpayer :

- must be 65 years of age or older as of July 1, 2024 **AND**
- must have primary residence in Massachusetts for ten years **AND** owned property in the state for five years **AND** must have occupied the property as of July 1, 2024 **AND**
- all co-owners must have a whole estate (the value of personal property excluding domicile) of less than \$55,332 if single, \$76,080 if married **AND**
- all co-owners must have an income less than \$27,664 if single, \$41,499 if married, after subtracting an allowable exclusion.

UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS ENTITLED TO A \$2,000 EXEMPTION.

Elderly, Surviving Spouse, Minor Child CLAUSE 17D

To qualify, a taxpayer :

- must be over 70 as of July 1, 2024 **OR** must be a surviving spouse **OR** surviving minor child **AND**
- must have owned and occupied the property for five years **AND**
- must have a whole estate (the value of personal property less domicile) of less than \$55,332

UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS ENTITLED TO A \$481 EXEMPTION.

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Disabled Veteran CLAUSE 22

To qualify, the taxpayer must be a veteran or the spouse of a veteran AND

- have a service connected disability of 10% or more **OR**
- have been awarded a Purple Heart **OR**
- be a veteran of the Spanish, Philippine or Chinese Expedition **OR**
- have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross or Navy Cross.

N.B. The parents of a veteran who lost his/her life in service also are entitled to apply for this exemption.

AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION VARIES ACCORDING TO DEGREE OF DISABILITY.

Blind Person CLAUSE 37A

To qualify, a taxpayer :

- must be a legal resident of the Commonwealth.
- must own and occupy the property as his or her domicile **AND** file current proof of blindness each year with the application.

UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS ENTITLED TO A \$1,000 EXEMPTION.

NOTE: TAXPAYERS WHO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTIONS UNDER CLAUSES 17D, 18, 41C OR 41A MAY ALSO QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNT OF 30% OFF THEIR WATER/SEWER BILLS, DEPENDING ON THEIR WATER SERVICE. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE DETAILS.

For Older Citizens CLAUSE 41A

To qualify, a taxpayer :

- must be over 65 as of July 1, 2024 **AND**
- must have primary residence in Massachusetts for ten years **AND**
- owned property in the state for five years **AND**
- must have occupied the property as of July 1, 2024 **AND**
- must have a total income not in excess of \$93,000 per year.

UPON APPROVAL, TAXPAYER IS ENTITLED TO DEFER (DELAY) PAYMENT OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX BILL.

Age and Infirmary and Financial Hardship

A property owner who cannot meet his/her real estate tax obligation due to AGE **AND** INFIRMITY **AND** POVERTY may apply for this exemption. To qualify, an applicant must present evidence to the Board of Assessors which corroborates individual's age **AND** infirmity **AND** inability to pay the assessed tax. Home equity, household income, assets, and ability to defer taxes are some of the factors considered when determining poverty or financial hardship.

UPON APPROVAL, THE AMOUNT GRANTED VARIES ACCORDING TO NEED.

For information on the state administered income tax circuit breaker program for eligible elderly residents, check www.mass.gov or call: (617) 887-6367.