



"Clause" Exemption Information

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The Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Provide for Real Estate Tax Relief for Certain Persons. Each Category of Tax Relief Is Defined, and the Allowable Amount Stated, in the Various Clauses of Chapter 59, Section 5 of the General Laws. The Tables below Summarizes Who Qualifies for These Exemptions and the Amounts of the Various Exemptions.

Certain Deductions Are Allowed from the Income Limits Shown for the Clause Exemptions. You Should Call or Come into the Assessors Office in City Hall to Find out Details. The Asset Limits <u>Do Not</u> Include the Value of Owner Occupied Properties.

| Clause Name | Clause # | Basic Qualifications | Other Qualifications | Income Limits | Asset Limits | SSS Amount |
|-----------------|-------------|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Elderly | 17D | Age 70 or Older | Own & Occupy Property 5 Years | None | \$40,000 | \$175.00 |
| Widows | 17D | Surviving Spouse | None - | None | \$40,000 | \$175.00 |
| Other | 17D | Minor | Parents are deceased | None | \$40,000 | \$175.00 |
| Hard-ship | 18 | Age. Infirmity, Income | Must meet all three (3) | Poverty | | Varies |
| Veterans | 22 | 10% Service Disability or Purple Heart. | Mass Resident 6 Months prior to service or 5 year Mass residency | None | None | \$425 |
| Veterans | 22A | Loss use of Limb or Eye | Mass Resident 6 Months prior to service or 5 year Mass residency | None | None | \$250 |
| Veterans | 22B | Loss of two limbs or both eyes | Mass Resident 6 months prior to service or 5 years Mass residency | None | None | \$775 |
| Veterans | 22C | Disability requires specially adapted housing. | Mass Resident 6 months prior to service or 5 years Mass residency | None | None | \$950 |
| Veterans | 22E | 100% disability, File V.A. Certificate annually. | MA Resident 6 months prior to service or 5 year MA residency Unemployed for all of previous years. | None | None | \$600* |
| Para- plegic | 8A of 58 | Paraplegic due to wartime injury | MA Resident 6 months prior to service or Ma residency for 5 years V.A. Certificate. | None | None | 100% |
| Blind | 37 | Legally Blind | Yearly Blind Certificate | None | None | \$437.50 |
| Tax Deferral | 41A | Age 65 or Older. Tax Deferred 8 % interest per year | Own & Occupy Property for 5 Years | \$20,000 | None | Differ Up to 100 % |
| Elderly | 41C | Age 70 or Older | Own / Occupy 5yrs in MA & MA Res. 10 yrs. | (S) \$16,405 (M)\$20,108 | (S) \$28.000 (M)\$30,000 | \$500 |
| Elderly | 42 | Surviving Spouse of | firefighter/police killed in line of duty | None | None | 100 % |

^{*} for veterans owning two family or larger houses, Clause 22E is reduced to the same portion as the veterans occupancy of the property

The Qualifying Date for the Clause Exemptions Is July 1, (Each Year). If You Think You May Qualify for Any of the above Exemptions. Do Not Hesitate to Contact the Assessing Department. The Application Deadline Is Three Months from the Date the Third Quarter Bill Was Mailed.