

## Clause 37 (Legally Blind)

Exemption Amount: \$437.50 per fiscal year

Who is Eligible? Person declared legally blind by July 1st of the fiscal year to which it applies.

What are the requirements?

- Applicant must own and occupy property.
- Applicant must be declared legally blind prior to the qualification date of July 1st.
- Applicant must be registered with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.
- Applicant must present a certificate from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind annually to the Assessor's Office.

## Clauses 22a-f, 22A, 22B, 22D, 22E, and paraplegic (Service Connected disabled Veteran, or spouse of.)

Exemption Amount: varies from  
\$400.00 to \$1,325.00  
per fiscal year

Who is Eligible? Veteran who is certified through the Veteran's Administration as having a service connected disability.

What are the requirements?

- Applicant must own and occupy property.
- The requirements vary for each category.
- Varieties of Clause 22 exemptions are available for certain categories of disabled Veterans and their families. Please contact the Assessor's office for more specific requirements for each clause.

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### Board of Assessors

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## A Citizen's Guide to Property Tax Exemptions available in the Town of South Hadley

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## What is an exemption?

An exemption releases an individual from the requirement to pay all or a fraction of their property tax obligations.

Exemptions are available to those individuals that meet the various requirements in the following categories:

- Elderly (over 70)
- Widow
- Service connected disabled Veteran
- Blind
- Minor Children of Deceased Police or Firefighters killed in the line of duty

The criteria for each exemption can be obtained in this booklet or by contacting our office.

## Deadline to file:

Applications for exemptions are due within 3 months of mailing date of the actual tax bill (3rd quarter which is normally issued for January 1st).

## Appeals:

If you are not satisfied with the action taken by the Board of Assessors, the applicant may appeal in writing to:

Appellate Tax Board  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 200  
Boston, MA. 02114  
or call 617-727-3100  
fax 617-727-6234

**Please call the Assessor's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to set up an appointment to see if you qualify for an exemption.**

## Clause 41C (over 70)

Exemption Amount: \$600.00 per fiscal year

Who is Eligible? Person over 70 by July 1st of the fiscal year to which it applies.

What are the requirements?

- Person over 70 must own and occupy property.
- Applicant must have owned and occupied property in Massachusetts for five years.
- Applicant must have been domiciled in Massachusetts for 10 years.
- Surviving spouses filing must have occupied the property for 5 years.
- Gross receipts (Income) for the **previous calendar year** MUST NOT exceed:

\$17,500 Single person

\$20,000 Married couple

(example: qualification date is 7-1-16 need calendar year 2015 income)

Gross receipts include the following:

Social Security, Retirement, Pensions, Wages, Interest, Dividends, Rent, Gains from Sales.

- Whole Estate (Assets) as of **July 1st of qualifying year** MUST NOT exceed:  
\$33,600 Single person  
\$36,000 Married couple

Whole estate includes the following:

Any other real estate besides the home, Money in the bank(s), Stock, Bonds and Securities.

The primary domicile is not included.

## Clause 17D (over 70 or widow)

Exemption Amount: \$175.00 per fiscal year

Who is Eligible? Person over 70 or widowed by July 1st of the fiscal year to which it applies.

What are the requirements?

- Applicant must own and occupy property.
- Applicant must have owned and occupied property in Massachusetts for no less than ten years.
- Whole Estate (Assets) as of **July 1st of qualifying year** MUST NOT exceed:  
\$40,000 whether single or married

Whole estate includes the following:

Any other real estate besides the home, Money in the bank(s), Stock, Bonds and Securities.

The primary domicile is not included.