

Connecticut law provides for annual tax relief credits/rebates for certain homeowners and renters who are 65 or older **or** who have been awarded 100% disability from Social Security. The following information applies to applications filed in 2020.

To be eligible for such a grant:

1. You (or your spouse) must have been at least 65 years old as of December 31, 2019, or you must be 50 or older and be the surviving spouse of a person who was on the program at the time of death, or you must be 100% disabled under Social Security.
2. You must be a permanent resident of the State of Connecticut.
3. Your 2019 income cannot exceed \$45,100 if you are married or \$37,000 if you are unmarried.
4. You must provide the Assessor's Office with copies of the following as proof of your 2019 income:
 - copy of your 2019 federal income tax return (if you file one)
 - copy of your Form SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement
 - copies of pension statements
 - copies of interest income statements
 - copies of any other income which you may be receiving (i.e. rental income, etc.)

INCOME DEFINITION: Qualifying income is defined as adjusted gross income for IRS purposes **plus any other income not included in such adjusted gross income.** All money received is to be considered as qualifying income, unless specifically exempt.

HOMEOWNERS

In addition to the conditions on page 2, homeowners **must:**

1. File an application between February 1, 2020 and May 15, 2020 (at least biennially) with the Assessor's Office in the town where they live.
2. Own the property or hold a tenancy for life or for a term of years, which makes the applicant liable for payment of taxes (CGS Sec.12-48). The property must be the applicant's primary residence or domicile.

Credits are determined as a percentage of taxes.

<u>Income</u>		Tax Credit As % of Tax	Tax Credit <u>Ceiling</u>
Over	To	Married /Single	Married /Single
\$ 0 – 18,600		50%/40%	\$1,250/ \$1,000
18,600–24,900		40%/30%	\$1,000/ \$750
24,900–31,000		30%/20%	\$750/\$500
31,000–37,000		20%/10%	\$500/\$250
37,000–45,100		10%/0	\$250/-0-

This grant includes minimum credits ranging from \$150.00 to \$400.00.

RENTERS

In addition to the conditions on page 2, elderly and disabled renters **must:**

1. File an application with the Assessor's Office between April 1, 2020 and October 1, 2020. Applications must be filed annually.
2. Provide copies of the following for the year 2019:
 - rent statement
 - electric statement
 - gas/oil/propane statement
 - water statement
 - income statements

NOTE: You cannot receive any financial aid or subsidy from federal, state, county or municipal funds other than social security, emergency energy assistance, Federal Supplemental Security Income Program, payments from previous employment, veteran's and disability benefits, subsidized housing, Medicaid, or food stamps.

<u>Income</u>		Tax Credit <u>Ceiling</u>
Over	To	Married/Single
\$ 0 – 18,600		\$900/\$700
18,600–24,900		\$700/\$500
24,900–31,000		\$500/\$250
31,000–37,000		\$250/\$150
37,000–45,100		\$150/-0-

2020

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

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RENT RELIEF

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DISABLED

**State of Connecticut
Office of Policy and Management
Tax Relief Unit**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

AND TO SCHEDULE AN

APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AT

(860) 923-2259

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.