

Additional Veterans Exemptions 2023

Additional tax relief for qualifying low-income Veterans

FILING PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1ST TO OCTOBER 1ST

Anyone wishing to apply *after* October 1st must request an extension of time to apply from the Assessor on or before December 31, 2023.

Please call the Assessor's office at **(860)663-1765 Ext.506** to schedule an appointment **AFTER** you have filed your Federal and State income tax.

Eligibility:

Veterans or widows/widowers of a veteran of a combat period who meet income qualifications may be eligible to receive an additional veteran's exemption.

IMPORTANT:

The original or a certified copy of the veteran's DD-214 MUST be filed with the Town Clerk no later than September 30, 2023.

Income limits are determined and adjusted annually by the State of Connecticut. "Income" is defined as income from all sources, including tax-exempt interest and Social Security. For the 2023 application period, income derived during the 2022 calendar year is considered.

The income limits this year are **\$49,100** for married applicants and **\$46,300** for single applicants. *Veteran disability payments do NOT count as income for this program.*

How to Apply:

Advanced appointments are required.

Please call the Assessor's office at (860)663-1765 Ext.506 to schedule.

Proof of all income from the 2022 calendar year must be submitted. Applicants must bring their *complete* 2022 federal income tax return (if filed) and their 2022 Social Security SSA-1099. If taxes are not filed, statements from all income sources (pensions, interest income, etc.) for the 2022 calendar year must be provided. To continue receiving the benefit after the initial application, re-filing is required every 2nd year as long as your income remains within program limits.

Killingworth Local Option to Additional Veteran's Exemption

Killingworth residents who qualify for the Additional Veteran's Exemption may also apply for the Town's local municipal option veteran's exemption. This benefit provides an additional \$10,000 exemption. Income requirements are the same as the State Additional Veterans benefit previously described and the application period is *February 1 through October 1*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's office by phone (860)663-1765 Ext 506 or email AssistAssessor@townofkillingworth.com.

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- Spanish-American War — April 21, 1898 to July 4, 1902
- Spanish-American War: Moro Province — April 21, 1898 to July 15, 1903 (1)
- Mexican Border Period — March 10, 1916 to April 6, 1917
- World War I — April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
- World War I: Russia — April 6, 1917 to April 1, 1920 (2)
- World War II — December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (3)
- Korean Conflict — June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- Vietnam Era — February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975
- Lebanon — July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 or September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984 (4)
- Invasion of Grenada — October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983 (4)
- Operation Earnest Will — July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990 (4)
- Invasion of Panama — December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 (4)
- Persian Gulf War — After August 2, 1990 (5)

(1) The Spanish American War includes the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion and service in the Moro Province, for which the ending date is eleven days later than the ending date for the Spanish American War.

(2) The ending date for service in Russia by a person serving with the United State military forces during World War I differs from the ending date for all service during that war in all other arenas.

(3) Pursuant to §12-86, twelve o'clock midnight on December 31, 1947 is the World War II termination date for purposes of granting a property tax exemption.

(4) A person must have served in a combat or combat support role for the duration of a campaign lasting less than ninety (90) days (i.e., the Invasions of Grenada and Panama) in order to qualify for a property tax exemption. A person must also have served in a combat or combat support role in Lebanon or in Operation Earnest Will, during the specified dates, in order to qualify for an exemption. An Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to such individuals.

(5) Although referred to as the Persian Gulf War, service in the Persian Gulf is not required, nor is service in a combat or combat support role.

Subdivision (g) of Section §12-81(19) of the Connecticut General Statutes mandates that current active duty personnel are eligible for the Veteran's property tax exemptions. Under this and other statutes, a service member who currently is on active duty and has been for at least ninety (90) days is eligible for property tax relief if the service member meets all other requirements.