

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

LOCAL OPTION – EXTENDED BENEFITS

The West Hartford Town Council adopted a local ordinance providing increased income limits for an additional exemption. The income limits are \$64,500 for a married couple and \$57,300 for a single person. The exemption is an assessment reduction of \$10,000 or 10%, whichever is greater.

Qualifying income includes the adjusted gross from the Federal Income Tax plus Social Security for calendar year 2009. Applications and proof of income must be filed no later than October 1, 2010 for exemptions on the October 1, 2010 Grand List. You will be required to leave copies of your income with the Assessor

The Town of West Hartford Assessment office would like all veterans, and their spouses, to be aware of additional veteran's benefits which they may be entitled to receive if they meet certain income requirements. Applications must be filed by October 1, 2010. To be eligible, the veteran:

1. Must be a resident of the Town in which the exemption is claimed.
2. Must have served or currently serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard of the United States 90 days or more during a time of war, or have a disability rating by the Veterans Administration of 10 percent or more.
3. Veterans must have been honorably discharged and file the original or certified copy of their DD214 with the Town Clerk prior to September 30, 2010.
4. World War II veterans of any nation signator to the United Nations Declaration of January 1, 1942, who participated in armed conflict, are eligible for exemption if they have been a U.S. Citizen for ten years.
5. Meet income requirements:

The maximum income allowed for a single person is \$32,300 and the maximum allowed for a married couple is \$39,500. To determine if you meet the income limits, add your adjusted gross income from the 2009 Federal Income Tax filing to the amount you received from Social Security for calendar year 2009. Married couples must include income for both persons. If you did not file an income tax return for 2009, you must provide copies of all 1099 forms from all sources of income.

Veterans with 100 percent disability rating and an adjusted gross income of less than \$21,000 for a married couple and \$18,000 for a single person are also eligible to apply for these benefits.