Tax Exemptions & Programs

The Town of Pomfret offers several programs for reducing your taxes. Below is a comprehensive list. For detailed information, please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 974-1674 or bonnie.duncan@pomfretct.gov

VETERANS: who served for more than ninety days during a time of war or have been disabled must have recorded their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk by October 1, 2013 in order to receive a $6,000 assessment exemption. Disabled Veterans need to file proof of VA rating with the Assessor to receive an increased exemption.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTION: Increased exemptions are available for those who meet necessary income requirements and the above Veterans criteria. An application along with proof of income must be filed with the Assessor biennially. Filings for this year must be made by October 1, 2013.

ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS may obtain an exemption on one (1) passenger motor vehicle if proof is submitted. See local Assessor.

TOTALLY DISABLED: any person under the age of 65 that has been awarded total disability must apply by January 31, 2014 in order to receive a $1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of award.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Eligible farmers must file the notarized exemption application on or before November 1, 2013.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be allowed exemption. Complete and file the MME Exemption Application by November 1, 2013.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space, for the first time, must file between September 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013 with the Assessor. Persons seeking to classify for Forest must also have a complete certified forester's report done by October 1st. Only changes to the original filing (ownership, use or acreage) need to be reported annually.

RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM: To qualify, as a tenant, you must be 65 years or older or 100% totally disabled through Social Security AND your income must have been less than $40,900 for a married couple/$33,500 for a single. More information and income guidelines can be found on this webpage under "Renter's Rebate Program" as well as below. The filing period is April 1 through October 1.

ELDERLY & TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM: As a homeowner, you must be 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year preceding the filing period (February 1 through May 15) or totally disabled through Social Security AND your income must have been less than $40,900 for a married couple; $35,000 for a single. Claimant must own the property for which the tax relief is sought; or he/she must hold a tenancy for life use or for a term of years in such property, which tenancy makes him/her liable for the payment of property taxes under Section 12-48; or he/she must share in such ownership AND , in all cases, MUST RESIDE at said property. Such ownership, which must constitute the claimant's principal or legal resident, must have been effective on or before October 1st of the current assessment year. Principal residence shall be defined as residency of at least 6 months and one day for the program year. For additional information, please contact the Assessor's Office.

The following tables show the levels of qualifying income for the elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in the year 2013. These levels are to be used for the 2012 Grand List Homeowner and Renter applications and the 2013 Grand List Additional Veteran applications.

Please note: Homeowner applications that were taken for the 2011 G/L (RENEWALS) are calculated for the 2012 G/L using last year's qualifying income schedule, NOT the schedule below.

Homeowners

Income and Grant Information –2012 Benefit Year

Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2013

Income		Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
Over	To	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
$-0-	$16,700	50%	40%	$1,250	$1,000	$400	$350
16,700	22,500	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
22,500	28,100	30	20	750	500	250	150
28,100	33,500	20	10	500	250	150	150
33,500	40,900	10	-0-	250	-0-	150	-0-

Renters

Income and Grant Information – 2012 Benefit Year

Filing period April 1 – October 1, 2013

Income		Maximum Credit		Minimum Credit	
Over	To	Married/Single		Married/Single	
$-0-	$ 16,700	$900	$700	$400	$300
16,700	22,500	700	500	300	200
22,500	28,100	500	250	200	100
28,100	33,500	250	150	100	50
33,500	40,900	150	-0-	50	-0-

The Additional Veterans' exemption for income qualifying applicants will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be $33,500; the maximum for married

applicants will be $40,900. Also, if the applicable, the local option exemption for the Totally Disabled, Blind and Veterans' programs can use these income maximums.

100% V.A. determined Disabled Veterans would continue to use $18,000 for single applicants and $21,000 for married applicants (adjusted gross income only; Social Security Income is not considered.)

LOCAL FREEZE PROGRAM: If you are 70 years of age and meet the requirements outlined for the Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowner's Program you may be eligible for the local freeze program which will freeze your town taxes as of the tax year you apply for the program. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information.