

VETERAN EXEMPTION BASICS – TOWN OF STERLING

BASIC VETERANS EXEMPTION

As a veteran or currently active duty military with prior service periods, and reside in Sterling, you may be eligible for several exemption programs under the Connecticut General Statutes. In order to receive the basic exemption, the first step is to file a long-form DD214 in the town clerk's office showing an honorable discharge. If you do not have a copy, one can be requested at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. The basic reduction in the assessment with the exemption under §12-81(19) and §12-81g is \$3,000.

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION

You may be eligible for an exemption under §12-81(20) of the Connecticut General Statute, applicable to veterans with disabilities. The disability need not be service-related. The degree of disability, as determined by the Veteran's Administration, must be at least 10%. The exemption increases as the percent disability rises. If you are eligible, you will need a disability rating slip or letter from the United States Veterans' Administration. The documentation must specify the percentage of disability. You are only required to file it with the assessor once; if the VA changes your disability percentage, you will have to file the proof with the assessor again.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS EXEMPTION (INCOME BASED)

Under §12-81g, you may be eligible for the Additional Veterans exemption, an income-based exemption program. You may be eligible if you are single and have a 2014 household income of less than \$34,600, or if you are married and the household income is less than \$42,200. The application period is February 1 – October 1. If you are 100% VA-determined disabled, the income limits are \$18,000 for unmarried households or \$21,000 if married.

Unless otherwise specified, exemptions are applied to real estate. If you rent, the exemption will be applied to your motor vehicle.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's Office at 860-564-3030.