Are You Eligible for an Elderly Tax Exemption?

You may be eligible for a reduction of your annual tax bill.

Just answer a few questions:

1. Are you 65 or more years old?
2. Do you own the Rindge home in which you reside (you’re not a tenant)?
3. Have you resided anywhere in New Hampshire for the past 3 years?
4. Does your household income qualify you?
5. Does your total asset level qualify you?

Rindge residents aged 65 or more years old may qualify for a $100,000 Property Tax Exemption. Those over 75 years of age may qualify for a $140,000 exemption. And those over 80 may qualify for a $200,000 exemption.

A $100,000 exemption would have reduced your 2019 tax bill by $2,776.00. A $140,000 exemption would have reduced your 2019 tax bill by $3,886.00. A $200,000 exemption would have reduced your 2019 tax bill by $5,552.00.

You must own your present residence alone, own it jointly with your spouse, or own it jointly with another eligible, qualified individual - to receive the exemption (mortgages do not affect home ownership). Or, you may enjoy a Life Estate with ownership in another party (see Town Office for additional form). If you hold ownership in a Trust, see Town Office for an additional form. Partial ownership may qualify you for a partial exemption.

Rindge voters established a gross annual income limit of $35,000 for single taxpayers and $49,000 gross income for couples. “Gross income” means total income from all sources, as shown on applicant’s most recent Federal Tax Return before any deductions are applied. However, “Gross Income” is not the same as “Adjusted Gross Income” on your federal income tax return (which is reduced under federal law by adjustments to Social Security or pension payments). It does not, however, include (a) life insurance paid on the death of an insured, (b) business expense deductions, or (c) proceeds from the sale of assets.

Rindge voters have also established an Asset maximum of $150,000. You must provide the Town Office a list of all your assets, including investments, cars, etc. with an estimated value of each asset and the amount of any encumbrances. The value of the Rindge property at which you presently reside is not counted against the $150,000 limit, but any other real property you may own in New Hampshire or elsewhere must be included.

What do you need to do if you are qualified?

Complete and sign a form PA-29 (obtained from Town Office or via the Internet) on or before April 15th of the year in which you claim tax exemption. Bring it in or mail it to us along with your most recent Federal Tax Return and List of Assets (we will not retain). If everything is in order, it will be approved, and we’ll confirm your qualification for the exemption for that tax year.

(Rindge also offers exemptions for the disabled, the blind, for improvements to assist the disabled, for solar systems and Tax Credits for certain eligible war service veterans (see the Rindge office for details).)

12/16/2019
STEP 1
OWNER AND APPLICANT INFORMATION

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MAILING ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN | STATE | ZIPCODE

PROPERTY ADDRESS | TAX MAP | BLOCK | LOT

IS THIS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?  YES  NO

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

1. APPLICANT IS THE:
   - Veteran
   - Spouse
   - Surviving Spouse

2. APPLYING FOR:
   - Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) Standard ($50) / Optional ($51 up to $750)
   - All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) if Adopted by Town Standard ($50) / Optional ($51 up to $750)
   - Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) Standard ($700) / Optional ($701 up to $4,000)
   - Tax Credit for Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) "...of any person who was killed or died while on active duty..."
   - Tax Credit for Combat Service (RSA 72:28-c) if Adopted by Town ($50 up to $500)
   - Certain Disabled Veterans (Exemption) (RSA 72:36-a)

3. Veteran's Name

Dates of Military Service
Enter (MMDDYYYY)

4. Date of Entry
5. Date of Discharge/Release

IF A VETERAN OF ALLIED COUNTRY: (RSA 72:32)

6. Name of Allied Country Served in

7. Branch of Service

8. Please Check One.
   - US Citizen at time of entry into Service
   - Alien but resident of NH at time of entry into Service

9. Does any other eligible Veteran own interest in this property?  YES  NO
   If YES, provide name

STEP 2
VETERANS' TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTION

STEP 3
EXEMPTIONS

10. Elderly Exemption (Must be 65 years of age on or before April 1 of year for which exemption is claimed) (RSA 72:39-a)
   (Enter numbers only MMDDYYYY)
   10a. Applicant's Date of Birth
   10b. Spouse's Date of Birth

11. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a)

LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by city/town)

12. Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37)
    - Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62)
    - Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b)
    - Wind-Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66)
    - Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b)
    - Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70)

13. NH Resident for One Year preceding April 1 in the year in which the tax credit is claimed (Veterans' Tax Credit)
    NH Resident for Five Consecutive Years (Deal) or At least Five Years (Disabled) preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed
    NH Resident for Three Consecutive Years preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed (Elderly Exemption)

14. Do you own 100% interest in this residence?  YES  NO
    If NO, what percent (%) do you own?

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this document and to the best of my belief the information herein is true, correct and complete.

SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF PROPERTY OWNER  
DATE

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### VETERANS' TAX CREDIT

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### VETERANS' EXEMPTION

- Certain Disabled Veterans' Exemption
- Veteran
- Surviving Spouse

- GRANTED
- DENIED

### APPLICABLE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND DEAF EXEMPTION INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

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### STANDARD and LOCAL OPTIONAL EXEMPTIONS (If adopted by the City/Town)

- Elderly Exemption
- Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities
- Blind Exemption
- Deaf Exemption
- Disabled Exemption
- Solar Energy Systems Exemption
- Woodheating Energy Systems Exemption
- Wind-powered Energy Systems Exemption

- AMOUNT
- GRANTED
- DENIED
- DATE

A photocopy of this Form (Pages 1 and 2) or Form PA-35 must be returned to the property owner after approval or denial.

The following documentation may be requested at the time of application in accordance with RSA 72:34, III.

- * List of assets, value of each asset, net encumbrance and net value of each asset.
- * State Interest and Dividends Tax Form.
- * Property Tax Inventory Form filed in any other town.

* Documents are considered confidential and are returned to the applicant at the time a decision is made on the application.

### Municipal Notes
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
PERMANENT APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDITS/EXEMPTIONS
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**WHO MAY FILE**
Applicant must be qualified as of April 1 of the year the exemption and/or tax credit is claimed. Financial qualifications required for certain exemptions must be met by the time of application. An applicant must have resided in this state for at least one year preceding April 1 in the year in which the veterans’ tax credit is claimed. An applicant must have resided in this state for at least three years preceding April 1 in the year for which the elderly exemption is claimed and five years in which the deaf or disabled exemption is claimed. The terms owner, own or owned, shall include those persons who hold grantor/revocable trust, equitable title, or beneficial interest for life in the subject property.

**WHERE TO FILE**
Form PA-29 must be filed with the municipal assessing officials of the city/town where the tax credit or exemption is being requested.

**WHEN TO FILE**
Form PA-29 must be filed by April 15 preceding the setting of the tax rate. The municipal assessing officials shall send written notice to the taxpayer of their decision by July 1 prior to the date of notice of tax. Failure of the municipal assessing officials to respond shall constitute a denial of the application. **Example:** If you are applying for a tax credit and/or an exemption for the 2014 property taxes, which are due no earlier than December 1, 2014, you have until April 15, 2014, to file this form. The municipal assessing officials have until July 1 to send notice of their decision. Failure of the municipal assessing officials to respond shall constitute a denial of the application. A **late response or failure to respond by municipal assessing officials does not extend the appeal period.** Date of filing is when the completed application is either hand-delivered to the municipality, postmarked by the post office, or receipted by an overnight delivery service.

Pursuant to RSA 72:33, I-a, "If any person, otherwise qualified to receive an exemption or credit, shall satisfy the selectmen or assessors that he or she was prevented by accident, mistake, or misfortune from filing a permanent application or amended permanent application on or before April 15 of the year in which he or she desires the exemption to begin, said officials may receive the application at a later date and grant an exemption or credit for that tax year..."

**APPEAL PROCEDURE**
If an application for a property tax exemption or tax credit is denied by the municipality, an applicant may appeal in writing on or before September 1 following the date of notice of tax under RSA 72:1-d, to the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) or to the Superior Court in the county where the property is located. **Example:** If you were denied an exemption from your 2014 property taxes, you have until September 1, 2015, to appeal. Forms for appealing to the BTLA may be obtained from the NH BTLA, 107 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301; their website at www.nh.gov/btlr; or by calling (603) 271-2578. Be sure to specify EXEMPTION APPEAL.

**TAX CREDITS**
Tax credits approved will be deducted from the property tax amount.

**EXEMPTIONS**
Tax exemptions approved are deducted from the amount of the property owner's total assessed value prior to the calculation of tax due.

**ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS**
**RSA 72:39-a**
Applicant must have resided in this state for at least three consecutive years preceding April 1 in the year which the exemption is claimed. Property must be: owned by a resident; or owned by a resident jointly; or in common with the resident's spouse, either of whom meets the age requirement for the exemption claimed; or owned by a resident jointly in common with a person not the resident's spouse; if the resident meets the applicable age requirement for the exemption claimed; or owned by a resident, or the resident's spouse, either of whom meets the age requirement for the exemption claimed, and when they have been married for at least five years. Property cannot have been transferred to the applicant from a person under the age of 65, and related to the applicant by blood or marriage, within the preceding five years. Property must meet the definition of residence per RSA 72:39-a, I(c), which includes the housing unit, which is the person's principle home and related structures such as a detached garage or woodshed. It does not include attached dwelling units and unattached structures used or intended for commercial or other non-residential purposes. If fractional interest is owned, see RSA 72:41, Proration.

**INCOME LIMITATION**
- **Includes:** Income from any source including Social Security or pension.
- **Excludes:** Life insurance paid on the death of an insured; Expenses and costs incurred in the course of conducting a business enterprise; Proceeds from the sale of assets.

**ASSET LIMITATION**
- **Includes:** The value of all assets, tangible and intangible.
- **Excludes:** The value of the person's actual residence and the land upon which it is located up to the greater of 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance. The value of any good faith encumbrances.

**ELDERLY, DEAF and DISABLED FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS**
**RSA 72:39-a**
**RSA 72:38-b**
**RSA 72:37-b**

**ADA COMPLIANCE**
Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration are invited to make their needs and preferences known. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may call TDD Access: Relay NH 1-600-735-2964.
### Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions

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<td><strong>Veterans' Tax Credit</strong></td>
<td>$50 (balance up to $500) upon adoption by the municipality.</td>
<td>Every resident in the U.S. who served not less than 90 days in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident. (NOTE: 'Under Honorable Conditions' does not qualify.)</td>
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<td>$700 ($701 up to $2,000) upon adoption by the municipality per RSA 72:27-a, is subtracted from the property taxes due on the applicant's residential property.</td>
<td>The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28, so long as the surviving spouse remains single.</td>
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<td><strong>Surviving Spouse Tax Credit</strong></td>
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<td>• Has been honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from military service and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability;</td>
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<td>• Is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury; or</td>
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<td><strong>Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit</strong></td>
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<td>• Is the surviving spouse of above qualified veteran and remains single.</td>
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<td>RSA 72:35</td>
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<td>Every resident of this state engaged at any point during the taxable period in combat service as a member of the NH National Guard or a reserve member of the United States Armed Forces called to active duty. The application for the tax credit must be accompanied by the service member's military orders.</td>
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<td><strong>Certain Disabled Veterans - Exemption</strong></td>
<td>Any person who:</td>
<td>A list of the Veterans’ qualifying medals and discharge papers can be found at: <a href="http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/property/exemptions-tax-credits.htm">http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/property/exemptions-tax-credits.htm</a></td>
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<td>• Has been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, or an officer who has been honorably separated from military service, who has a total and permanent service-connected disability;</td>
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<td>&quot;...shall be exempt from all taxation on said homestead...&quot;</td>
<td>• Is totally and permanently disabled from service connection and satisfactory proof of such service connection is furnished to the assessors;</td>
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<td><strong>Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf</strong></td>
<td>The value of improvements made for the purpose of assisting a person with a disability or deafness is deducted from the assessed value of the residential real estate.</td>
<td>Any person owning residential real estate upon which he resides and to which he has made improvements for the purpose of assisting a person with a disability or deafness who also resides on such real estate.</td>
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<td><strong>Optional Exemptions Below Must Be Adopted by the Municipality Before Anyone May Apply</strong></td>
<td>The amount of the exemption and the level of income and assets (excluding the value of the property owner’s residence) are determined by vote of the municipality per RSA 72:27-a.</td>
<td>Any person eligible under the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, and who has been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years by April 1 of the year the exemption is claimed.</td>
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<td><strong>Disabled Exemption</strong></td>
<td>$15,000 (unless the municipality votes an increase) is subtracted from the assessed valuation.</td>
<td>Every inhabitant owning residential real estate, who is legally blind, as determined by the Administrator of Blind Services of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Education.</td>
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<td>NH residents who are deaf or severely hearing impaired, have been a NH resident for more than five consecutive years, and meet the income and asset requirements.</td>
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<td>Any person owning real property equipped with a solar energy heating or cooling system, as defined in RSA 72:61.</td>
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<td>Any person owning real property equipped with a woodheating energy system, as defined in RSA 72:69.</td>
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<td>WIND-POWERED ENERGY SYSTEMS</td>
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