

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM EXEMPTIONS

as of fiscal year 2015

For details on the following exemptions call the Assessor's Office, 508-532-5415.

Clause 17D - \$175.00 -

Surviving spouses; minors of deceased parents; and persons who were 70 by July 1st of current fiscal year.

Clause 18 – Variable Amount -

Applicants must be aged, infirm AND have a financial hardship.

Clauses 22 – Variable Amounts -

Veterans Exemption based on circumstances.

Clause 37A - \$500.00 -

Blind person's exemption.

Clause 41C - \$500.00 -

Persons 65 years or older by July 1st of current fiscal year, living in Massachusetts for at least 10 years.

Clause 41A – tax deferral –

Defer up to 100% of property taxes until the property is sold.

Veterans Work-Off Program –

Up to \$725** tax credit for hours worked in a designated municipal department.

Property tax brochure 2014

Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit

The Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit is available to homeowners or renters age 65 or older by the end of the tax year, who meet the income and property value guidelines. The maximum credit for tax year 2013 is \$1030.

The income limits for owners or renters are:
\$55,000 - single person
\$69,000 - head of household
\$82,000 - married couple filing a joint return.

Since this is a refundable tax credit, you don't have to owe taxes to receive it, but you need to file a state income tax return. Bring your water and sewer bills along with your property tax bills to your tax preparer. You can also apply for the credit retroactively up to three years.

For Homeowners:

If the combination of the property taxes plus 50% of your water and sewer bills for the year exceeds 10% of your income you could be eligible for the credit, up to the maximum allowed. The property's assessed value cannot exceed \$700,000 as of 1/1/2013.

For Renters:

If 25% of the rent you paid in the calendar year exceeds 10% of your income you may be eligible for the credit, up to the maximum allowed (**not** if you receive a rent subsidy).

For full details, exclusions, and forms for this credit on MA State Income Tax, call **1-800-392-6089** or visit **www.Mass.gov/DOR**.



Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program

Callahan Center
535 Union Avenue
Framingham, MA 01702

508-532-5980

www.framinghamma.gov/councilonaging



GOALS

- Provide property tax credit for eligible seniors in exchange for their service hours.
- Enhance municipal services by utilizing the skills and abilities of seniors.
- Increase senior involvement in local government.

DETAILS OF TAX CREDIT/ REIMBURSEMENT *

For fiscal 2014 the tax credit is \$725**. This will appear as a credit on the property tax bill after the required hours are completed. The credit will be prorated if fewer hours are worked.

ELIGIBILITY *

Minimum 62 years of age

Framingham resident and homeowner for 5 years.

Maximum allowable income is \$40,000 for single person or \$50,000 for married couple.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please call the Callahan Center **after July 1st** to receive application and arrange an interview time for the Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program. Work-off hours must be completed before June.

508-532-5980

***Please note: details regarding amount of credit, eligibility, number of hours required and number of positions available may change annually. You will be advised of any changes during your scheduled appointment.**

The credit received through the Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program may affect your eligibility for the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. See reverse side for details of that credit.



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POSITIONS

The potential number of participants will be determined by the level of town appropriation each year. Positions will be offered in those town departments that show interest in having assistance. The type of assistance requested will be determined by departmental needs. Applicants may have the option to defer a placement, pending the possibility of other opportunities. However, there is no guarantee that additional positions will become available.

Applicants will be chosen on the basis of skills, availability and physical ability, as necessary. First-time applicants will have priority consideration each year. All applicants are required to abide by all Town of Framingham policies. The Property Tax Coordinator will provide an information packet to each applicant upon determination of their eligibility for the program.

ACCEPTANCE

Approval of applicants will be a mutual agreement between the requesting department head and the applicant, based on their qualifications and suitability for the position. If an applicant is not qualified or unable to meet expectations after two placements we reserve the option to withdraw the person from the program.

****Applicants who receive the Veterans Work-Off abatement are not eligible for the Senior Property Tax Work-Off.**

(See other side for additional sources of assistance with property taxes.)