

Town of Brookline Assessor's Office



Senior Tax Exemption

Fiscal Year 2021



Are you 65 or older and having trouble paying your real estate tax bill?

You may be eligible for property tax relief. The Annual Town Meeting adopted new eligibility requirements, see below for details.

Requirements:

- Reached the age of 65 as of July 1st of the tax year you wish to apply
- Owned and occupied the property for at least 5 years as of July 1st
- Resided in Massachusetts for at least 10 years
- **If Single:**
 - Have a gross income not exceeding \$23,784, excluding SSI allowance.
 - Have a whole estate, excluding your domicile, of less than \$47,566.
- **If Married:**
 - Have a gross income not exceeding \$35,675, excluding SSI allowance.
 - Have a whole estate, excluding your domicile, of less than \$65,404.
- SSI Allowances: \$4,834 (worker) and \$2,417 (spouse).
- Your domicile can be a 1, 2 or 3 family home.

When & where do I file for a tax exemption?

Applications may be found at the Assessor's Office, Room 215 at Town Hall, or on the Town's Web-site at www.brooklinema.gov. The Assessors will also mail an application to you if you call them at 617-730-2060

Applications for FY2021 must be filed by April 1, 2021 with the Assessors.

If my application is accepted by the Assessors, can I still receive other exemptions such as the residential exemption and tax deferral?

YES, if you qualify, you may continue to receive the residential exemption and may be eligible to defer some or all of your tax balance for any year.

Who do I call if I have questions about trusts or other exemptions?

Call the Assessor's Office at **617-730-2060** or email Assessors@brooklinema.gov.