

# VETERAN EXEMPTION BASICS – TOWN OF ASHFORD

## BASIC VETERANS EXEMPTION

As a veteran or currently active duty military with prior service periods and who resides in Ashford, 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 \$1,500.

## 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. The income limits for the 2021 Grand List are \$37,600 or less if you are single and \$45,800 if you are married. The application period is February 1, 2021 – October 1, 2021. If you are 100% VA-determined disabled, the income limits are \$18,000 for unmarried households or \$21,000 if married.

Income for this program does not include VA disability benefits or economic stimulus payments.

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Unless otherwise specified, exemptions are applied to real estate. If you rent, the exemption will be applied to your motor vehicle. DD-214s must be recorded in the town clerk's office prior to October 1, 2021 to receive the exemption for the 2021 Grand List. Proof of disability must be provided by January 31, 2022 to receive the exemption as a disabled veteran on the 2021 Grand List.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's Office at 860 – 487 - 4403.