

WASHINGTON PROPERTY TAX PROGRAMS

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TYPES	PROGRAMS
FOR WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS OF VETERANS	Available to a widow or widower of a veteran who died as a result of a service-connected disability; OR was rated 100% disabled by VA for 10 years prior to death; OR was a former POW and rated 100% disabled for 1 year prior to death; OR died in active duty or training status. The widow/widower must be at least sixty-two years of age by December 31 of the year the taxes are due OR be retired from regular gainful employment by reason of disability. The widow/widower must not have remarried. The qualifying applicant receives assistance for payment of property taxes in the form of a grant. The assistance amount is based on the applicant's income, the value of the residence, and the local levy rates. The grant does not have to be repaid as long as the applicant continues to live in the residence until at least December 15 in the year a grant is received.
FOR HOMEOWNERS WITH LIMITED INCOME	Available to Homeowners with combined disposable income of \$57,000 or less. For the qualifying applicant, the laws governing this program allow payment of the second half property tax installment due in October of the current year. Applications are due by September 1. The deferred amount accrues simple interest until repayment is complete. The interest rate varies and is based on an average of the federal short-term rate, plus 2 percent. The application form provides the rate for the current year. Deferrals must be repaid when the home is sold, the applicant passes away, or the home is no longer used as the primary residence.
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS & DISABLED PERSONS	<p>PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM Available to Taxpayers who are at least 60 years of age or older by December 31 of the year the application for deferral is filed; OR retired from regular gainful employment by reason of disability. For the qualifying applicant, the laws governing this program allow payment of property taxes and special assessments for current and delinquent years. The deferred amount accrues 5% simple interest until repayment is complete. Deferrals must be repaid when the home is sold, the applicant passes away, or the home is no longer used as the primary residence.</p> <p>PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM Available to Taxpayers who are, on December 31 of the year before the taxes are due, at least 61 years of age or older; OR retired from regular gainful employment by reason of disability; OR a veteran of the armed forces of the United States entitled to and receiving compensation from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs at a total disability rating for a service-connected disability. The qualifying applicant receives a reduction in the amount of property taxes due. The amount of the reduction is based on the applicant's income, the value of the residence, and the local levy rates.</p>
FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	Not all nonprofits have a purpose and activity that entitles them to an exemption. The use of the property determines the exemption. Typical organizations receiving property tax exemption are schools, churches, cemeteries, hospitals, social service agencies, character building organizations, nursing homes, homes for the aging, museums, performing arts facilities, and public meeting halls. The qualifying organizations receive abatement (exemption) of their property taxes. Special assessments are not eligible for this exemption. Please note: Property tax exemptions are only applicable to real and personal property located in Washington State.



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For details of the propositions mentioned here-in, please visit <https://dor.wa.gov/find-taxes-rates/property-tax/property-tax-exemptions-and-deferrals>

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