

## Real Estate Tax



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whose total income does not exceed \$56,200 annually. **All of the real estate taxes on the home and up to one acre of land it occupies are forgiven.**

Partial exemption of the tax and up to one acre of land it occupies may be granted to applicants whose total income is greater than \$56,200, but does not exceed \$81,490. A portion of the real estate taxes are forgiven. The amount exempted is as follows:

Total Income	Percent of Tax Exempted	Percent You Pay
\$0 to \$56,200	100%	0%
\$56,201 to \$64,630	75%	25%
\$64,631 to \$73,060	50%	50%
\$73,061 to \$81,490	25%	75%

Those applicants who meet the net worth criteria and whose total income does not exceed \$81,490, may qualify for exemption of the solid waste fee.



### Mobile Homes

For the purposes of this program, mobile homes are eligible for tax relief as real estate, and the same qualifications apply.



## Personal Property Tax and Annual License Fee

Those applicants who meet the net worth criteria and whose total income does not exceed \$81,490, may qualify for relief on their personal property tax and annual license fee on one auto per qualifying applicant. Applicants need not own real estate to be eligible.

Residents of towns must apply to the town government for relief from the vehicle annual license fee.

### Tax Relief First Time Applicants



If you have not previously qualified for the Program, the following documentation must be brought **IN PERSON**, by you, to the Real Estate Assessments Office, Monday through Friday between 9 am and 4 pm (the documents **will** be returned to you):

**Government-issued identification** that includes your photograph and address (driver's license qualifies.)

AND

One of the following **documents that establish legal presence**: Original or certified copy of your birth certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory (photocopies are not acceptable), U.S. Passport, Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization, original Certificate of Birth Abroad (FS-545), Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or an unexpired foreign passport with a visa and a valid I-94.

*If you do not have any of the above documents, please contact our office so we may advise you of other acceptable documents to establish proof of legal presence.*

# 2017 Guide to Tax Relief Programs for Elderly and Disabled Persons



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# TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR TAX YEAR 2017

Senior Citizens and disabled persons who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from all or part of real estate taxes, the solid waste fee, annual license fee and personal property tax. Qualifying limits may change from year to year. This brochure is current for the tax year beginning January 1, 2017 only.

**Tax Relief is granted on an annual basis and a renewal application must be filed each year.** Applications should be filed by April 15, 2017.



## Application

Application forms for these programs are available beginning January 2nd at the Prince William County website or at the Real Estate

Assessments Office. You may also request an application form by calling 703-792-6780 during regular business hours. Current tax relief recipients will receive a renewal application form in the mail.

NOTE: All information pertaining to total income and net worth is confidential and not open for public inspection. The initial application form must be signed in the presence of a notary. This service is available free of charge to applicants at the Real Estate Assessments Office.



## Eligibility Criteria, Senior Citizens

To qualify, an applicant must:

- ✓ be 65 years of age or older as of **December 31, 2017**. Relief will be prorated for those applicants that turn 65 during calendar year 2017.
- ✓ have a total income from all sources of not more than **\$81,490**. In determining income, the first **\$10,000** of income earned by any relative living in the household other than the owner(s) or spouse is excluded.
- ✓ have a combined financial net worth for the applicant and spouse of not more than **\$340,000**, excluding the residence for which the exemption is sought and up to twenty-five acres of land which it occupies.
- ✓ own and occupy the home as his/her sole dwelling.

Note: In calculating net worth, mortgages or home equity loans on the house currently occupied by the applicant will not be used.



## Additional Eligibility Criteria

For additional eligibility criteria please contact the Real Estate Assessments office at 703-792-6780.



## Eligibility Criteria, Disabled Persons

To qualify, an applicant needs:

- ✓ certification from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs or Railroad Retirement Board stating that the applicant is permanently and totally disabled.  
**If one of the certifications above is not available, the applicant will be asked to sign a medical release form, authorizing the Real Estate Assessments Office to contact two physicians to confirm the applicant's disability is total and permanent.**
- ✓ to meet the same total income and net worth qualifications as those for senior citizens, except the first **\$7,500** of any income received by the applicant as permanent disability compensation will be excluded from the calculation of total income.

**Permanently and totally disabled** means unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment or deformity, which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of the person's life.



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