

Qualifying and Applying for City of Cranston Tax Exemptions

Exemption applications are not available online and must be completed in person in the Assessor's office, room 113.

A current and valid RI license/state issued ID and motor vehicle registration are required when applying for all exemptions. Additional paperwork may also be required – see below.

Exemptions can only be applied to owner-occupied residential property. Exemptions cannot also be received on any other property in any other location or state.

Application deadline is March 15 of any year to receive on the current year's bill. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** There is zero retroaction for any exemption for any reason.

1. **Age Over 65 Exemption** – Once 65 years old, a Taxpayer must provide the Tax Assessor's Office with a valid and current RI license or RI state ID and a current motor vehicle registration. Only one Over 65 exemption is allowed per household, per person, and per married unit and cannot be combined with a Disability Exemption.
2. **Disability Exemption (under 65)** – The Taxpayer must be under 65 years old and disabled according to Social Security. The Taxpayer must bring in their Social Security Award Letter stating they are "entitled to monthly benefits," which is issued upon decision of benefits. This can be attained from Social Security by phone (877.402.0808) or through their online portal. Annual income statements are not acceptable. Only one Disability exemption is allowed per household, per person, and per married unit and cannot be combined with an Over 65 exemption.
3. **Blind Exemption** – The Taxpayer must provide a doctor's letter specifying that they are legally blind – that their vision is 20/200 or worse in each eye.
4. **Veteran Exemption** – Veterans serving between WWII, through the Cold War, or during OEF/OIF and who were honorably discharged may qualify. Beginning for the 2024 tax year, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard are now eligible to apply for this exemption. Unmarried widows of veterans may also qualify. Discharge paperwork is required (DD214 or Form22). An ID or certificate is not acceptable. The VA can provide a copy if one is needed.
5. **Disabled Veteran Exemption** – The Taxpayer must qualify as a veteran and provide documentation from the VA indicating that they are also *100% totally and permanently disabled*. Unmarried widows of Disabled Veterans may also qualify. Evaluation paperwork is not acceptable. The VA can provide this letter if it was not received after award.
6. **Gold Star Parent Exemption** – The Taxpayer has had a son or daughter killed in war while serving in the armed forces and has received a Gold Star. The paperwork for being a recipient must be provided.
7. **Paraplegic Veteran Exemption** – A qualifying Veteran with specifically adaptive housing may receive an exemption. Paperwork must be provided.