

VETERANS EXEMPTION CHANGES PASSED IN 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Two Public Acts affecting veterans were passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Lamont. The descriptions below were written by or paraphrased from the Connecticut Office of Legislative Research summaries.

I. Public Act 19-33: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR".

The act extends certain state war service benefits to veterans who served less than 90 days in a war, but were separated from service because of an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, even if the injury was not a service-connected disability rated by the U.S. VA, as prior law required in such circumstances.

NOTIFY THE ASSESSOR IF YOU BELIEVE YOURSELF TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A VETERANS EXEMPTION AND HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INELIGIBLE DUE TO NOT MEETING THE SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR.

II. Public Act 19-171: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS HAVING DISABILITY RATINGS.

This act increases the base property tax exemption for veterans receiving an exemption under CGS Sec. 12-81(20) as a US Veterans Affairs-designated veteran with a disability rating of 10% or more, or who receives a pension, annuity of compensation from the United States, for a service-related loss of a leg or an arm. By increasing the base exemption under 12-81 (20), the Additional Veterans exemption under 12-81g also increases.

Town of Scotland, Disabled Veteran Assessment Reduction

Regular Additional Vet	<u>Grand List 2018</u>	<u>Grand List 2019</u>
S12-81(20) 10%-25%	6,750	7,500
S12-81(20) 26%-50%	9,000	9,750
S12-81(20) 51%-75%	11,250	12,000
S12-81(20) 76-100%	13,500	14,250
S12-81(20) +65 YRS	13,500	14,250
Income-Eligible Additional Vet		
S12-81(20) 10%-25%	13,500	15,000
S12-81(20) 26%-50%	18,000	19,500
S12-81(20) 51%-75%	22,500	24,000
S12-81(20) 76-100%	27,000	28,500
S12-81(20) +65 YRS	27,000	28,500

THE EXEMPTION INCREASE IS AUTOMATIC. YOU DO NOT NEED TO APPLY TO THE ASSESSOR.