

Blind Person Exemption

An individual resident of New Canaan who has been deemed legally blind is eligible for a \$3000 exemption from their real estate assessment. Certificate of Legal Blindness from the State of Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB) must be submitted to the **Assessor's office no later than October 1st** of the Grand List year. This program only requires a onetime filing with the Assessor's office.

State Disability Exemption

State law provides up to a \$1,000 exemption for property owners who are permanently and totally disabled. The exemption can be applied to the assessment of real estate or motor vehicles owned by the applicant.

An applicant must be permanently and totally disabled and receiving Social Security disability benefits or benefits under a federal, state or local retirement program which contains disability requirements comparable to those of the Social Security Administration.

To qualify you must file a copy of your Award Letter that states disability along with an application (FORM D-1) to the **Assessor's office no later than October 1st** of the Grand List year. This program only requires a onetime filing with the Assessor's office.