

Property Tax Exemption

for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

Under the exemption program, the value of your residence is frozen for property tax purposes, and you become exempt from all excess and special levies and possibly regular levies - result in a reduction in your property taxes. The exemption is available for your primary residence and up to five acres* of land.

**The exemption is available for a primary residence and one acre of land. If local zoning and land use regulations require more than one acre of land per residence in the area where you live, you may be eligible for a property tax exemption on up to five acres of land.*

The current RCW 84.36.381 (effective 2005 and beyond) grants property tax exemptions if ...

- Your total annual income is \$35,000 or less
- You are 61 years of age or older or are disabled on or before December 31 of the year you file
- You are retired because of a physical disability
- If you are a veteran of the armed forces of the U.S. with 100% service-connected disability as provided in 42 USC Sec 423 (d)(1)(A)
- You are a widow or widower, or domestic partner at least 57 years of age whose spouse or domestic partner had an exemption at the time of their death

You must be the owner and occupant of a single family dwelling, mobile home, condo or co-op housing.

Note: Once you have applied for an exemption and received an approval, you only need to file once every 4 years to maintain exemption. The Assessor's Office will notify you when it is time to file. If you paid prior years' taxes because of a mistake, oversight or lack of knowledge about this program, you may apply for a refund by filing an application for refund with your county assessor. Separate applications must be submitted for each of the tax years. Refunds will not be made beyond 3 years.

HOW TO APPLY...

The Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's office administers this program. Applications are available online or by contacting the Senior Citizen and Disabled Person Exemption Department Hotline (253) 798-2169 or may be picked up at the Assessor-Treasurer's office located at:

**2401 South 35th Street, Room 142,
Tacoma WA 98409-7498.**

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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