



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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To: Assessors and Municipal Agents

From: Patrick Sullivan, Fiscal Administrative Officer, IGP

Subject: QUALIFYING INCOME-PROGRAM YEAR 2017

The following tables show the levels of qualifying income for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in the year 2018. These levels are to be used for the 2017 Grand List Homeowner and Renter Rebate applications, 2018 Grand List Additional Veteran's applications and may be used for any local option programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Homeowner applications that were taken for the 2016 G/L (RENEWALS) are calculated for the 2017 G/L using the 2016 qualifying income schedule, NOT the schedule below.

Homeowners
Income and Grant Information –2017 Benefit Year
Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2018

Income		Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
Over	To	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
\$-0-	\$17,700	50%	40%	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$400	\$350
17,700	23,700	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
23,700	29,600	30	20	750	500	250	150
29,600	35,300	20	10	500	250	150	150
35,300	43,000	10	-0-	250	-0-	150	-0-

Renters
Income and Grant Information – 2017 Benefit Year
Filing period April 1 – October 1, 2018

Income		Maximum Credit		Minimum Credit	
Over	To	<u>Married/Single</u>		<u>Married/Single</u>	
\$-0-	\$ 17,700	\$900	\$700	\$400	\$300
17,700	23,700	700	500	300	200
23,700	29,600	500	250	200	100
29,600	35,300	250	150	100	50
35,300	43,000	150	-0-	50	-0-

(Over)

For the 2017 benefit year there are two different levels of Medicare premiums. The Social Security Act protects most people from having a decrease in their Social Security benefits from one year to the next because of an increase in the Part B premium. This means most people who have the Part B premium deducted from their Social Security benefit check were protected and would have paid \$109.00 each month, on average. The actual amount paid can vary by individual.

People who started Part B beginning January 1, 2017 or later (new enrollees) were not protected and paid the new standard premium of \$134.00.

Annual Medicare premiums for the year 2017 therefore, were \$1,308.00 for a single applicant and \$2616.00 for married applicants paying the average \$109.00 monthly premium or \$1,608.00 for a single applicant and \$3,216.00 for married applicants paying the \$134.00 monthly premium. WE CONTINUE TO REQUIRE A FORM SSA1099 OR IT'S EQUIVALENT FOR EACH HOMEOWNER AND RENTER APPLICANT TO BE PROVIDED AT THE INTAKE SITE.

The Additional Veterans' exemption for income qualifying applicants for the 2018 G/L will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be \$35,300.00; the maximum for married applicants will be \$43,000.00. Also, if applicable in your municipality, the LOCAL OPTION exemption for the Totally Disabled, Blind and Veterans' programs may use these income maximums.

100% V. A. determined Disabled Veterans will continue to use \$18,000.00 for single applicants and \$21,000.00 for married applicants (adjusted gross income only; Social Security Income is not considered).

The FREEZE program income limit remains at \$6,000.00; adjusted gross income only. Social Security Income, United States Postal System and Railroad Retirement pensions are not counted as income towards the income limit for the FREEZE program.

If there are any questions regarding any of the income limits stated above, please call me at (860) 418-6406 or e-mail at patrick.j.sullivan@ct.gov

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