

Qualifications for Cranston Tax Exemptions

****PLEASE REFER TO RIGL TITLE 44-3 AND SUBTITLES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Annual application deadline is January 31st. This may be extended at the discretion of the Assessor to March 15th.

The Taxpayer *must* be owner-occupied and applying for their primary residence only. Applicant must be an owner and reside at the applied for property. If a motor vehicle is owned by the taxpayer, it must be registered to the applied for property. If taxpayer is a registered voter, registration address must match the applied for property. With the exception of a veteran exemption which may be combined, only one exemption is allowed per household and per person, only one such exemption shall be granted to tenants in common, joint tenants, and/or tenants by the entirety.

You must apply *in person* with a driver's license/government issued ID and any additional applicable required documentation in the City of Cranston Tax Assessor's Office at City Hall: 869 Park Avenue, Room 113

City of Cranston Tax Exemptions:

- 1. Age Over 65 Exemption** – A Taxpayer is eligible to apply for this exemption during the year in which they turn 65. It will begin on the next qualifying tax bill. Taxpayer must provide the Tax Assessor's Office with either a license or government issued ID, birth certificate, or voter's records for proof of age.
- 2. Under 65 Disability Exemption** – The Taxpayer must be under 65 and disabled according to Social Security. The Taxpayer must bring in the *award letter* stating they are "entitled to monthly benefits". Please note that this is the original letter received, not the monthly summary. This can be attained from social security by phone, email, or their online portal.
- 3. Blind Exemption** – The Taxpayer must provide a doctor's letter specifying that they are 20/200 or worse in each eye.
- 4. Veteran's Exemption** – *Individuals must have served active duty.* Reservists currently are not eligible for this exemption. Active duty for training only is not eligible for this exemption. A DD-214 discharge form must be provided during application. Prior to 1997, serving in a conflict is not a requirement. Those who served after 1997 must have served overseas *and* in a designated conflict.

Awarding of The Global War on Terrorism Medal and/or The Expeditionary Medal permit receipt of this exemption. Please see RIGL 44-3 and subtitles for additional information.

5. **Disabled Veteran Exemption** – The Taxpayer must qualify as a veteran (see previous exemption information), as well as provide documentation from the VA indicating that they are *100% totally and permanently disabled*.
6. **Gold Star Parent Exemption** – The Taxpayer has had a son or daughter killed in war while serving in the armed forces and has incidentally received a Gold Star. The paperwork for being a recipient must be shown.
7. **Paraplegic Veteran Exemption** – A veteran with specifically adaptive housing shall receive 110,025 in value. Paperwork must be provided.
8. **Widow of Veteran/Disabled Veteran Exemption** – Any surviving and unmarried spouse of a qualifying veteran or qualifying disabled veteran may receive the same benefit as their deceased spouse.

*Contact the Cranston Tax Assessor's Office at 401-780-3181 with any questions or if you are physically unable to complete an application in person.