

**TOWN OF AMHERST ASSESSORS OFFICE
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CLAUSE 37A – BLIND PERSONS – MINIMUM OF \$500 OFF TAX BILL

MUST own the property on July 1 and it must be used as your domicile.

Applicant must be legally blind as of July 1, 2018, to qualify for FY2019.

A Certificate of Blindness, with a 2017 or 2018 issue date, from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind must be filed each year with the application.

NOTE:

1. If you have deeded the property over, but have kept life tenancy – you can qualify.
2. Qualified applicants may live in a nursing home, as long as the domicile is not being rented.
3. The domicile may be owned individually, jointly or as a tenant in common.
4. If you were not registered with the Mass. Commission for the Blind as of July 1, 2018, a letter from your doctor indicating status as of July 1 will be accepted.
5. Per a recent decision at Town Meeting, the amount of the actual benefit received may actually be greater than \$500. This figure may be increased up to 100% more, but cannot exceed last year's net tax increase.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED AFTER JULY 1, 2018 OR BY APRIL 1ST AFTER THE MAILING OF THE ACTUAL TAX BILLS

This deadline cannot be extended or waived by the Assessors for any reason. If your application is not timely filed, you lose all rights to an exemption and the Assessors cannot by law grant you one. An application is filed when received by the Assessors.