

## WHAT IS AN EXEMPTION?

An exemption is a release from the obligation to pay all or a portion of the taxes assessed on a parcel of property.

The Clause 37A\* blind exemption provides assistance to those taxpayers who are legally blind and meet the listed Residency Requirements.

## WHAT IS THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT?

Taxpayers who are eligible for Clause 37A will receive a \$500 reduction on their tax liability.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications must be filed annually with the Board of Assessors, by April 1.

**Renewals:** If you were granted an exemption last year, the Board of Assessors will send you a renewal application. However, it is your responsibility to ensure that a renewal is filed each year. Proof of blindness must be provided each year.

**New Applications** If you think you qualify, notify the Board of Assessors at (781) 431-1019 ext. 2275

Supporting documentation, including a certificate of eligibility from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and all other materials, which help the Board of Assessors make a determination, will be requested.

As a reminder, the filing of an application does not mean you can postpone the payment of your tax.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ Declared legally blind as of July 1 of the tax year

- ❖ Applicant must be registered with and obtain certificate from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind as of July 1, or present a letter from their physician stating that the applicant was legally blind as of July 1
- ❖ Owned and occupied the property as of July 1 of the tax year

If you checked each of the preceding, you may be eligible for a Clause 37A exemption

\*Massachusetts General Laws:  
Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A

**FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE**

The staff of the Board of Assessors is available to assist in answering any questions or concerns about your property tax assessment.

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525 Washington Street  
Wellesley, MA 02482**

**(781) 431-1019 ext. 2275  
Assessor@Wellesleyma.gov**

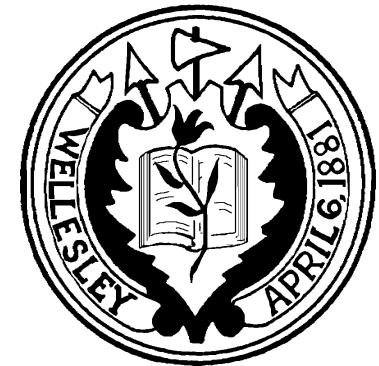
**Web Address  
[www.wellesleyma.gov](http://www.wellesleyma.gov)**

**Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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