

CITY OF WILMINGTON DELAWARE



Application for Property Tax Exemption for Citizens Over 65 Years of Age and/or Disabled

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Revenue Division

2026

Deadline: May 15, 2026

Over 65 Years of Age and Disability Pension Exemption ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION?

The City of Wilmington provides a maximum exemption of **\$210,300** of the total property assessed value for its eligible taxpayers.

(PLEASE NOTE: If property is assessed more than \$210,300, you will have to pay taxes on the remaining assessed value.)

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER CITY CODE, SECTION 44-64, "IF . . . :

- (1) You are the **SOLE OWNER** and **OCCUPANT** of the property and your income in **2025** was \$15,000 or less.
- OR -
- (2) You occupy (live in) the property **WITH YOUR SPOUSE** (*whether as co-owners or not*) and your combined income in **2025** was \$19,000 or less.
- OR -
- (3) You occupy and co-own the property **WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOUR SPOUSE** and your income in **2025** was \$15,000 or less. (*Exemption is prorated according to your interest.*)

INCOME = ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME AS REPORTED ON YOUR FEDERAL TAX RETURN FORM
(*Do not include Social Security or Railroad Retirement Tier I Benefits*)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION THAT **MUST** BE RETURNED WITH APPLICATION:

- (1) Social Security (Elderly), Social Security (Disability) or Railroad Retirement Benefit Statement. (i.e. SSA - 1099 Form)
- (2) **2025** Federal Income Tax Return (i.e., 1040 Form). If you did not file a tax return for **2025**, you must attach copies of other documents regarding income, such as Pension Statements, Salary, Profits, Interest/Dividends, Capital Gains, etc.
- (3) If spouse and/or co-owner is deceased, you will need to supply a copy of the death certificate, if their name is still on the deed.

IF APPROVED, WHEN WILL THE EXEMPTION EXPIRE?

This tax exemption will remain in effect until there is either a change in ownership **OR** you're included in the annual audit process. At which time, you will need to renew by completing another exemption application. (*All approved applications may be subject to an audit during the exemption period.*)

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

Applications should be received by **May 15, 2026**, to receive a full exemption for taxes levied on **JULY 1, 2026**. For applications received after this date, please refer to information on the back of this application.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- This exemption will allow a reduced water rate which will become effective the next quarterly water bill, if applicable.
- Applicant will be notified with an **approval** or **denial** letter within **60 days** of receiving your application in our office.
- **NO EXEMPTION** will be given unless all taxes, fees, and assessments remaining due and owing to the City are paid within 30 days of the file date of this application. **EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION:

Contact the Division of Revenue at 576-2620, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please mail completed application and all necessary documentation to:

CITY OF WILMINGTON PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
Attention: Revenue Division, 6th Floor
800 North French Street • Wilmington, Delaware 19801
www.WilmingtonDE.gov



**CITY OF WILMINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE • REVENUE DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

PLEASE READ ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION
APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 16, 2026

PLEASE CHECK REQUESTED EXEMPTION TYPE

Over 65 Years of Age Exemption

Disability Exemption

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

TODAY'S DATE: ____/____/____

FULL NAME: _____ AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ PHONE #: (____) _____

SECTION 2 – PROPERTY INFORMATION

PARCEL #: _____ Account #: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____ WILMINGTON, DE ZIP CODE _____

IS ANY PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN RESIDENCE? IF YES, EXPLAIN: YES NO

I OWN THE ABOVE PROPERTY: SOLELY WITH SPOUSE WITH OTHER THAN SPOUSE

SECTION 3 – APPLICANT'S INCOME FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 (January to December 2025)

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS	\$ _____	INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	\$ _____
PENSIONS	\$ _____	NET RENTALS	\$ _____
SALARY/WAGES, PROFITS	\$ _____	CAPITAL GAINS	\$ _____
TAX RETURNS FILED FOR 2025:	<input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL	<input type="checkbox"/> STATE	<input type="checkbox"/> I DID NOT FILE

SECTION 4 – SPOUSE OR OTHER OWNER'S NAME AND TOTAL INCOME (If Applicable)

FULL NAME: _____ AGE: _____ BIRTH DATE: ____/____/____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ ANNUAL INCOME: \$ _____

TAX RETURNS FILED FOR 2025: FEDERAL STATE I DID NOT FILE

**There must be an attached copy of your
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT STATEMENT AND FEDERAL 1040 TAX RETURN FORM**

I hereby affirm that I am an owner/occupant of the above-referenced property and that all the information provided herein is true to the best of my knowledge. To assist in determining my eligibility for exemption under the City of Wilmington Code, I have attached a copy of my IRS form for 2025. I hereby authorize the Finance Department to verify this information with the IRS.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Signature of Co-Applicant: _____

NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Tax #: _____	Balance: \$ _____	Water Acct. # _____	Balance: \$ _____
Comments: _____			
Approved or Denied By: _____		Date: _____	



CITY OF WILMINGTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
800 N. FRENCH STREET
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801

JOHN CARNEY
MAYOR

PHONE: (302) 576-2100
FAX: (302) 571-4102

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please sign this letter if you have checked the box on the Real Estate Tax Exemption Application stating that you did not file taxes for calendar year 2025.

I hereby attest that I have not filed taxes for calendar year 2025.

Signature

Date

**SENIOR/DISABILITY EXEMPTION
APPLICATION FILING DEADLINES**

FULL YEAR EXEMPTION = FOUR (4) QUARTERS EXEMPT = 100%

*Application must be received by May 15th of **2026** for upcoming fiscal year*

**IF YOUR APPLICATION IS FILED LATE, YOU WILL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO THE
FOLLOWING EXEMPTION AMOUNTS LISTED BELOW:**

THREE (3) QUARTERS EXEMPT = 75%

*Application must be received by October 2nd of **2026** (current fiscal year)*

TWO (2) QUARTERS EXEMPT = 50%

*Application must be received by January 8th of **2027** (current fiscal year)*

ONE (1) QUARTER EXEMPT = 25%

*Application must be received by March 5th of **2027***