



Senior Work-off Tax Exemption

Are you 60 or older and having trouble paying your real estate tax bill?

There is a way to work-off some of your taxes and still be eligible for other property tax exemption or deferral programs. For **Fiscal Year 2021** the amount of the annual abatement is up to \$1,500 and is now open to 35 eligible taxpayers.

Requirements:

- Reached the age of 60 as of July 1st of the tax year you wish to volunteer your services.
- Own and occupy your residence as of July 1, 2020.
- Have a total gross income not exceeding \$67,400.
- Work as a volunteer for a designated Town Department for 118 hours within the tax year.



How can I find out more about the available work?

Contact Deidre Waxman, Retirement Engagement Alternatives Program Coordinator (REAP) for the Brookline Senior Center at 617-730-2767.

How do I qualify for the program?

All candidates must complete an application and an interview and be approved by the Council on Aging.

When do I get the tax abatement?

The tax abatement will be issued by the Board of Assessors once the 118 hours of work is complete and a Certificate of Service has been signed by the sponsoring department.

Who do I call if I have questions about the tax abatement process?

Call the Assessor's Office at 617-730-2060 or email Assessors@brooklinema.gov.