

Will I have to pay taxes on my property tax abatement?

- The abatement is considered to be income for federal (including Social Security and Medicare) but is not considered income for state tax purposes.
- It may affect your state Circuit Breaker rebate.

Can I participate if I have a disability?

- Of Course! Let us know what your needs are and we will work with you and the town departments to make accommodations for your needs.

What is the time period for the work-off program?

- The program term starts on February 16 of one year and goes through February 15 of the next year. This allows the time needed for the Treasurer's Office to process the paperwork and have the abatement reflected on the May tax bill. Work logs are due to the coordinator late February.

Contact Us

The Council on Aging and Human Services

The senior and veteran tax work-off programs are coordinated by The Council on Aging and Human Services.

Contact:

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with questions or concerns or for an application.

Phone 781-259-8811

Website

<https://www.lincolntown.org/385/Senior-and-Veterans-Tax-Work-Off-Program>

Town of Lincoln

Senior and Veteran Tax Work-Off Programs



Program Goals

- Assist senior and veteran citizens with property tax bills
- Increase involvement of seniors and veterans in local government
- Acknowledge and affirm the skill of Lincoln's seniors and veterans and the community's continuing need for their services

Senior Tax Work-Off

According to State law, to participate in the Senior Tax Work-Off Program you must be:

- Age 60 or over
- A homeowner (must be the homeowner of record)
- A resident of Lincoln
- Own and occupy the property for which Lincoln taxes are paid and an abatement requested (If you anticipate selling your home, hours worked may not be able to be applied to your tax bill).

Veteran Tax Work-Off

- A veteran as defined by Massachusetts state law or the spouse of a veteran who is deceased or who has a service-related disability
- A homeowner (must be the homeowner of record)
- A resident of Lincoln
- Own and occupy the property for which Lincoln taxes are paid and rebate requested

How do I apply?

- Call the Lincoln Council on Aging & Human Services at 781-259-8811 for an application. You may also download an application by clicking Senior Tax Work-Off Application or Veterans Tax Work-Off Application.
- Send your completed application to Terry Green, Council on Aging & Human Services, 16 Lincoln Road, Lincoln, MA 01773 or bring it to Bemis Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Lincoln. Once you have filled out the application, we will contact you and let you know the status of your application.

What Kind of Job Will I Get?

- Tax Work-Off Program participants work in a wide variety of jobs, including receptionists, gardeners, administrative assistants, minute takers for town Boards and Committees, assisting in the public schools, managing programs, and more. Any department, board, or commission or the schools may request to have a participant work with them.

How am I Paid?

- Participants have their property taxes abated, up to \$2,000 for Senior & \$1,500 for Veteran, per work-off term period, which is reflected in the May property tax bill. Your hours are reimbursed at \$15.00/ hour, the minimum wage.
- To receive your abatement, submit your timesheet to Terry Green, Council on Aging & Human Services, 16 Lincoln Road, Lincoln, MA 01773 or bring it to Bemis Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Lincoln. Please note that hours cannot be carried over from year to year.