

## Exemption for Deaf or Severely Hearing Impaired Persons Criteria

Applications for the Exemption for the Deaf or Severely Hearing Impaired Persons must meet the following qualifications:

- Must have 71 Db average hearing loss or greater in the better ear as determined by a licensed audiologist or qualified otolaryngologist, who may rely on a visual means of communication, such as American Sign Language or speech recognition, and whose hearing is so impaired as to substantially limit the person from processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, so as to require the use of an interpreter or auxiliary aid.
- Must be the owner of record on or before April 1 of the year application is submitted.
- Must reside in the State of New Hampshire for 3 consecutive years on or before April 1 of the year the application is submitted.
- If real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for 5 consecutive years on or before April 1 of the year the application is submitted.
- Must meet Income and Asset limits as noted below:
  - Income Limits - Income qualifications will include **any net income** (not adjusted) from all sources in the calendar year preceding April 1.
    - Single person income not to exceed \$25,000
    - Married persons joint income not to exceed \$45,000
  - Asset Limits - Asset qualifications will include **any assets** as of the date of the application.
    - Assets not to exceed \$40,000 and include the following:
      - Primary residence (home and up to 2 acres of land) are exempt from the asset limit
      - All other real estate owned anywhere (individually, jointly, in common, fractional etc.) including land, mobile homes, condos, timeshares, etc.
      - Checking and/or savings account balances
      - CD's, IRA's, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, annuities, etc.
      - Any and all vehicles registered in your name including motor vehicles, cars, trucks, RV's, trailers, etc