

COUNTY OF GUILFORD
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA - TAX YEAR 2009
APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
ELDERLY OR DISABLED EXCLUSION (G.S. 105-277.1),
DISABLED VETERAN EXCLUSION (G.S. 105-277.1C), or
CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM (G.S. 105-277.1B)

Name of Applicant: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Last First MI mm/dd/year

Name of Spouse: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Last First MI mm/dd/year

Residence Address: _____

Telephone Number: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Listing Number: _____

Property ID Number: _____

Circle One:

Yes No Is this property your permanent legal residence?

Yes No Does your spouse (if applicable) live with you in the residence? If you answer **No**, provide your spouse's address: _____

Yes No Are you or your spouse currently residing in a health care facility? If you answer **Yes**, circle one (applicant / spouse) and indicate length of stay: _____

Yes No Do you and your spouse (if applicable) own 100% interest in the property? If you answer **No**, list all owners and their ownership percentage:
Owner _____ % Owner _____ %
Owner _____ % Owner _____ %
Owner _____ % Owner _____ %

Note: Separate applications are required for each owner that is claiming property tax relief. If a husband and wife own the property by entirety, only one application is required. If a husband and wife own the property as tenants in common, then a separate application is required for each spouse.

Part 1. Selecting the Program

Each owner may receive benefit from only one of the three property tax relief programs, even though you may meet the requirements for more than one program.

However, it is possible that the tax rates or tax values may not be established until some time after the filing of this application. This can make it difficult for you to determine which program you prefer. The following procedures will help to resolve this situation.

Applying for One Program

If you know that you only wish to apply for one program, check only that program in the section below and proceed to complete the appropriate parts of the application. The assessor will review your application and make a determination of your qualification.

Applying for More Than One Program

Each owner is eligible to receive benefit from only one program. However, if you think you meet the requirements for more than one program, but as a result of the uncertainty of tax rates or values at the time of application, you are unable to make a decision on which **one program** you wish to choose, number the programs in the section below in the order you wish to receive consideration. (Example, if you wish to be first considered for the “Disabled Veteran Exclusion”, second for the “Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment” and third for the “Elderly or Disabled Exclusion”, mark the “Disabled Veteran Exclusion” check box with a “1”, mark the “Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment” check box with a “2” and mark the “Elderly or Disabled Exclusion” check box with a “3”.)

Read the descriptions and requirements of the three programs on the following pages and then check one or order the programs for which you are applying:

Check One or Order:

Elderly or Disabled Exclusion

Disabled Veteran Exclusion

Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment

You Must Complete:

Parts 2, 5, 6

Parts 3, 6

Parts 4, 5, 6

Assistance in Completing this Form

Assistance in completing this form may be sought by contacting the Guilford County Tax Assessor’s office in **Greensboro** at telephone number **(336) 641-3320** or in **High Point** at telephone number **(336) 845-7911**.

Or by **visiting** our offices at:

**400 W. Market St., Greensboro or
505 E. Green Dr., High Point**

The completed applications should be **mailed** to:

**Guilford County Tax Assessor or
PO Box 3138
Greensboro, NC 27402**

**Guilford County Tax Assessor
PO Box 698
High Point, NC 27261**

Part 2. Elderly or Disabled Exclusion

Short Description: This program **excludes** from taxation the greater of the first \$25,000 or 50% of the appraised value of the permanent residence of a qualifying owner. A qualifying owner must either be (as of January 1) at least 65 years of age or be totally and permanently disabled. The owner cannot have an income amount for the previous year that exceeds the income eligibility limit of \$25,600. Income components are listed in Part 5 and include taxable and tax exempt Social Security Benefits. See G.S. 105-277.1 for the full text of the statute describing this exclusion.

Multiple Owners: Benefit limitations may apply when there are multiple owners. Each owner must file a separate application (other than husband and wife as tenants by entirety). If eligible, each owner may receive benefits under the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion or the Disabled Veteran Exclusion. The Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment cannot be combined with either of these two programs.

Circle One: **Yes** **No** As of January 1, were you at least 65 years of age? If you answer **Yes**, you do not have to file Form AV-9A Certification of Disability.

Yes **No** As of January 1, were you totally and permanently disabled and less than 65 years of age? If you answer **Yes**, you must file Form AV-9A Certification of Disability.

- Requirements:**
1. File Form AV-9A Certification of Disability if you are not at least 65 years of age.
 2. Complete Part 5. Income Information.
 3. Complete Part 6. Affirmation and Signature.

Office Use Only: AV-9A Required: Y / N

Approved: Y / N Date: _____ By: _____

AV-9A Received: Y / N Date: _____

Comments: _____

Part 3. Disabled Veteran Exclusion

Short Description: This program **excludes** up to the first \$45,000 of the appraised value of the permanent residence of an honorably discharged veteran who has a total and permanent disability that is service connected **or** who receives benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. There is no age or income limitation for this program. This benefit is also available to the unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased honorably discharged disabled veteran. See G.S. 105-277.1C for the full text of the statute.

Multiple Owners: Benefit limitations may apply when there are multiple owners. Each owner must file a separate application (other than husband and wife as tenants by the entirety). If eligible, each owner may receive benefits under the Disabled Veteran Exclusion or the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion. The Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment cannot be combined with either of these two programs.

Circle One: **Yes** **No** Are you an honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces? Name of branch: _____

Yes **No** Are you the unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased honorably discharged disabled veteran? If you answer **Yes**, complete this section and provide the documentation based on your spouse’s status on the date of death.

Either answer this: **Yes** **No** Do you have a veteran’s disability certification from the Veterans Administration or another federal agency that certifies that you have a total and permanent disability that is service connected? **YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY TO THE TAX ASSESSOR TO RECEIVE BENEFIT.**

Or this **Yes** **No** Do you have documentation that you receive benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. **YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY TO THE TAX ASSESSOR TO RECEIVE BENEFIT.**

- Requirements:**
1. File a veteran’s disability certification if you are claiming a total and permanent service connected disability. Obtain the certification from the appropriate federal agency, **or** File documentation that you receive benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. Obtain the documentation from the appropriate federal agency.
 2. File a copy of your Honorable Discharge Certificate.
 3. Complete Part 6. Affirmation and Signature.

Office use Only: VDC Received: Y/ N Date: _____ Approved: Y/ N Date: _____ By: _____
 SAH Received: Y/ N Date: _____ Comments: _____
 HDC Received: Y/ N Date: _____

Part 4. Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment

Short Description: Under this program, taxes for each year are limited to a percentage of the qualifying owner's income. A qualifying owner must either be (as of January 1) at least 65 years of age or be totally and permanently disabled. For an owner whose income amount for the previous year does not exceed the income eligibility limit for the current year, which for the 2009 tax year is **\$25,600**, the owner's taxes will be limited to four percent (4%) of the owner's income. For an owner whose income exceeds the income eligibility limit (**\$25,600**) but does not exceed 150% of the income eligibility limit, which for the 2009 tax year is **\$38,400**, the owner's taxes will be limited to five percent (5%) of the owner's income.

However, the taxes over the limitation amount are deferred and remain a lien on the property. The last three years of deferred taxes prior to a disqualifying event will become due and payable, with interest, on the date of the disqualifying event. Interest accrues on the deferred taxes as if they had been payable on the dates on which they would have originally become due. Disqualifying events are death of the owner, transfer of the property, and failure to use the property as the owner's permanent residence. Exceptions and special provisions apply. See G.S. 105-277.1B for the full text of the statute.

IMPORTANT - YOU MUST FILE A NEW APPLICATION FOR THIS PROGRAM EVERY YEAR !

Multiple Owners: Each owner (other than husband and wife as tenants by the entirety) must file a separate application. **All owners must qualify and elect to defer taxes under this program** or no benefit is allowed under this program. The Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment cannot be combined with either the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion or the Disabled Veteran Exclusion.

- Circle One:**
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| Yes | No | As of January 1, were you at least 65 years of age? If you answer Yes , you do not have to file <u>Form AV-9A Certification of Disability</u> . |
| Yes | No | As of January 1, were you totally and permanently disabled and less than 65 years of age? If you answer Yes , you must file <u>Form AV-9A Certification of Disability</u> . |
| Yes | No | Have you owned and occupied your permanent residence for at least the last five full years prior to January 1 of this year? |
| Yes | No | Do all owners of this property qualify for this program and elect to defer taxes under this program. If you answer No , the property cannot receive benefit under this program. |

- Requirements:**
1. File Form AV-9A Certification of Disability if you are not at least 65 years of age.
 2. Complete Part 5. Income Information.
 3. Complete Part 6. Affirmation and Signature.

Office Use Only: AV-9A Required: Y / N

Approved: Y -4% / Y - 5% / N Date: _____ By: _____

AV-9A Received: Y / N Date: _____ Comments: _____

Part 5. Income Information (continued from previous page)

2. Provide the income information requested below for the previous calendar year. Provide the total amount for both spouses. **If you do not file a Federal Income Tax Return, you must attach documentation of the income that you report below (W-2, SSA-1099, 1099-R, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, financial institution statements, etc.).**

- a. Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc. \$ _____
- b. Interest (Taxable and Tax Exempt).....\$ _____
- c. Dividends.....\$ _____
- d. Capital Gains.....\$ _____
- e. IRA Distributions.....\$ _____
- f. Pensions and Annuities.....\$ _____
- g. Disability Payments (not included in Pensions and Annuities).....\$ _____
- h. Social Security benefits (Taxable and Tax Exempt).....\$ _____
- i. All other moneys received (examples: alimony, rents, gifts, income from Sched. C, E, F)...\$ _____
- Total**\$ _____

Comments: _____

INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

Office Use Only: FITR Required: Y / N

FITR Received: Y / N

Date: _____

Income: \$ _____

< IEL / 1.5 IEL / > 1.5 IEL

Date: _____ By: _____

Comments: _____

