

## REMINDER

Please contact the Department of Assessment before you change the name on your deed or certificate of shares or are changing your place of residence to make sure that you are not jeopardizing your property exemptions.

## For Your Information

View your property information on-line at  
[mynassauproperty.com](http://mynassauproperty.com)

## Important Dates

January 2– March 2, 2009

Assessment Grievance  
Filing Period

January 2, 2009

Closing of Exemptions Filing Period for  
the 2009-2010 Assessment Roll



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# Facts About

## Veterans Real Property Tax Exemptions



### Nassau County

#### Department of Assessment

240 Old Country Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Mineola, New York 11501-8402

(516) 571-1500



Dear Property Owner:

Qualifying property owners can reduce their property tax burden by taking full advantage of the many property tax exemptions that are offered by Nassau County.

Last year, nearly 70,000 senior citizens and veterans applied for and received over \$25 million dollars in property tax savings.

If you are interested in filing for a property tax exemption or the *Basic* and *Enhanced STAR* programs, please contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment at (516) 571-1500. For your convenience, applications for the 2009-2010 school and general property tax year will be accepted and processed throughout the year by the Department of Assessment, but must be filed by January 2, 2009.

Contact the Department of Assessment today.

## THE VETERANS' EXEMPTION

State law provides that Nassau County veterans applying for the first time for a *Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption* shall receive an exemption based on the type of service they rendered to their country during wartime.

This exemption is called the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption*. Like the *Eligible Funds Exemption* it replaces, it applies to county and town taxes, but not to school or special district taxes.

Village and city taxes are also exempted at local option. Veterans who live in incorporated villages or in the City of Glen Cove or Long Beach should contact their municipal clerk or assessor.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The property may be exempted if the owner is a veteran or unremarried surviving spouse. If there is no unremarried surviving spouse, the veteran's surviving dependent father, mother or minor children may also be eligible under certain conditions.

Gold Star Parents, who are the parents of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war, are also eligible for the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption*.

The veteran must have served on active duty in U.S. Armed forces during the Persian Gulf conflict (on or after August 2, 1990); in Panama (Dec. 20, 1989-Jan.31,1990); in Lebanon (June 1, 1983-Dec. 1, 1987); in Grenada (Oct. 23, 1983-Nov. 21, 1983); the Vietnam War (Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975); Korean War (June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955); World War II (Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946); World War I (April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918); the Mexican Border Period (May 9, 1916- April 5, 1917) or the Spanish American War (April 21, 1898-July 4, 1902). Many merchant seamen who served during World War II are now eligible for this exemption. Also, some recipients of an Expeditionary Medal who served during a period of war, or in Lebanon, Grenada or Panama, may be eligible for the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption*. For details, please call the Veterans' Division at the Department of Assessment.

The property must be used exclusively for residential purposes and must be the primary residence of the eligible applicant unless that person is absent from the property due to medical reasons or is institutionalized.

### WHAT BENEFITS ARE GRANTED?

Eligible applicants will receive an exemption from county and town taxes, but not from special district or school taxes. The exemption is equal to 15% of your assessment for service during war-time and an additional 10% for service in a combat area, or for having received an Expeditionary Medal.

An additional exemption of one-half of the disability rating is granted for service-connected disability certified by the Veterans' Administration or the Department of Defense. This exemption lasts as long as the disability does. If the disability is not certified as permanent, the applicant must submit a renewal application as required by the assessor each year.

Under state law, if your house is assessed at more than \$12,000, the wartime service and combat service exemptions are awarded in a fixed ceiling amount.

### ELIGIBLE FUNDS EXEMPTIONS CONTINUE

Persons who now receive the old *Eligible Funds Exemption* may continue to receive it as long as they remain eligible, or they may switch to the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption* if they feel the new law will be more beneficial to them.

Once a veteran switches to the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption*, he/she cannot switch back to the *Eligible Funds Law* unless he/she moves to someplace in New York State which has opted not to provide the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption*. Persons who are now receiving an *Eligible Funds Exemption* may continue to add to it by filing supplemental applications if they receive additional eligible funds.

## WHEN TO APPLY

Applications must be filed by January 2<sup>nd</sup> as prescribed by state law. For information on filing applications in incorporated villages or cities, contact your local village or city assessor.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ALTERNATIVE EXEMPTION

#### 1. Request an application from:

Veterans' Exemption Division  
Department of Assessment  
240 Old Country Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Mineola, New York 11501  
(516) 571-1500

#### 2. The following documents or certified copies must be presented:

- Deed to property or certificate of share if you reside in a cooperative apartment.
- Proof of Residence (drivers license, car registration, telephone or utility bill).
- Form DD214 (military service discharge papers) or other written documentation (separation papers, orders awarding combat medals, or VA documentation of disability).
- In cases involving two or more properties, a letter from any municipality where a previous *Veterans' Exemption* was granted stating that said exemption was removed.