

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS OR CERTIFIED COPIES:

- **Proof of Service**

Please provide one of the following:

Form DD-214 or WD-AGO-53-55 (Report of Separation); DD-217 (Certificate of Service) or NA-13038 (USA Certification of Military Service). Form DD-256 (Honorable Discharge Certificate) may also be required to show character of service.

Proof of Service documents MUST show the character of service as "Honorable".

- **Proof of Ownership**

Deed or Certificate of Shares

- **Proof of Residence**

Please provide one of the following:

Driver's License; Car Registration; latest NYS Resident Income Tax Return; Voter Registration Card; or SSA 1099

All proof must show the address you are applying for.

In cases involving two or more properties, a letter from the municipality where a previous Veterans' Exemption was granted stating that the exemption was removed is required.

Other Documentation That May be Required:

VA Combined Service Connected Disability Compensation Rating Letter; Veteran's Death Certificate (*if widow is applicant*); Veteran's Certificate of Demise (*for Gold Star Parent*); Trust (*all pages*)

RECENT CHANGES REGARDING ELIGIBILITY

As of November 28, 2016, State law was amended to allow qualifying veterans, who were called to active duty to restore and maintain postal service during *Operation Graphic Hand* (March 23, 1970), to be eligible for the *Alternative Veterans Property Tax Exemption*. Nassau County opted into and ratified this exemption program on December 16, 2016.

FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER 314-801-0800

IMPORTANT NOTE IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED OWNERSHIP

If you plan on or have changed the name on your **Deed** or **Certificate of Shares** or changed your place of residence, please contact the Department of Assessment to find out if your exemptions still apply and ensure our records are up-to-date.

To obtain exemptions applications or view your property information on-line, please visit the Department of Assessment at:

www.mynassauproperty.com

IMPORTANT DATES

January 2, 2020

Closing of Exemptions Filing Period for the 2020-2021 Assessment Roll

January 2 - March 2, 2020

Assessment Grievance (Appeal) Filing Period

For Veterans Questions: (516) 571-VETS (8387)

E-Mail: vetsexemption@nassaucountyny.gov

For General Questions: (516) 571-1500

E-Mail: ncassessor@nassaucountyny.gov

Para asistencia en Español llame al
(516) 571-2020

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While reasonable efforts have been made to provide accurate information, all information and application filing requirements as mandated by NYS RPTL is subject to change at any time without notice.

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Property Tax Exemptions for **Veterans**



NASSAU COUNTY

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*“Fighting to help you reduce
your property tax burden”*

Laura Curran
County Executive

TYPES OF VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

Alternative

Veterans who served during a period of war or have received an expeditionary medal

Eligible Funds

Veterans who purchased their home with a military pension, bonus or insurance monies, NSLI Dividends, Mustering-Out Pay, etc. **Note that new applications for this exemption are no longer accepted. This exemption can only be modified as stated in this brochure.**

Cold War

Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Cold War period between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991

WHAT TAX BENEFITS ARE GRANTED?

In general, qualifying applicants will see the county and town portion of the property tax bill reduced. School taxes may also be reduced only in school districts that have opted to offer the reduction. *Eligible Funds* recipients must file for the *Alternative Veterans' Exemption* in order to receive a partial school tax reduction.

NONE of the veterans' exemptions apply to special district taxes or special assessments.

Veterans who reside in incorporated villages or in the City of Glen Cove or Long Beach should contact their municipal clerk or local assessor to check on the availability of a property tax reduction at the local level.

Reservists engaged in Active Duty for training are NOT eligible for a Veterans Exemption, unless they have been called up for a period of active FEDERAL duty.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Legal title of the property must be in the name of the:

- Veteran, Spouse, or both, or
- Unremarried Surviving Spouse, or
- Gold Star Parent

A Gold Star Parent is a parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces during a period of war. Under certain circumstances, the exemption may also be allowed where title is in the name of the dependent parent of the veteran or his or her child who is under 21 years of age.

The ownership requirement will be met if the veteran, spouse, unremarried surviving spouse, or Gold Star parent is a life tenant of the property.

The Alternative and Cold War Veterans' Exemptions may only be applied to the primary residence of the veteran or his or her spouse. The Eligible Funds Exemption may be applied to any property owned by the veteran or his or her spouse.

ACTIVE DUTY EXEMPTIONS

Alternative Veterans Exemption

Active duty in U.S. Armed Forces includes:

- Persian Gulf conflict (on or after Aug. 2, 1990)
- Panama (Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990)
- Lebanon (June 1, 1983 – Dec. 1, 1987)
- Grenada (Oct. 23, 1983 – Nov. 21, 1983)
- 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).

HOW ARE BENEFITS CALCULATED?

Alternative

The exemption reduces the assessed value of your primary residence before the tax rate is applied. There are three levels of benefits:

- 15% of assessed value for non-combat veterans who served during a period of war.
- Additional 10% for combat veterans who served in a combat zone.
- Additional benefit for disabled veterans (equal to one-half of their VA combined service-connected disability rating).

Eligible Funds

The amount of the exemption is equal to the amount of eligible funds (i.e. mustering out pay, military pensions, etc.) used to purchase the property. The exemption can be increased if the applicant receives additional funds and reinvests those funds into the property.

Cold War

The exemption reduces the assessed value of your primary residence before the tax rate is applied. There are two levels of benefits:

- 15 percent of the assessed value or current Nassau County cap of \$135, depending on whichever is lower.
- Additional benefit to disabled veterans (equal to one-half of their VA combined service-connected disability).

You can only receive one exemption at a time. However, if you co-own the property with another qualified veteran, each of your exemptions can be combined. In addition, exemption amounts cannot exceed the Assessed Value of the property.