



Send Completed Application and Documentation by May 1st to:
 OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; 118 State Street; Montpelier, VT 05620-4401
 Toll-free: (888) 666-9844; Phone: (802) 828-3379; Fax: (802) 828-5932
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**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR
 DISABLED VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS**

The State of Vermont offers a property tax exemption for some disabled veterans and their survivors. The level of the exemption varies from town to town, with the minimum exemption required by state law of \$10,000 and up to \$40,000 by a vote at a regular or special town annual meeting. Please contact your city or town clerk to determine if your town has elected to increase the exemption above the \$10,000 allowed by state law. Only one exemption on a property is allowed.

Eligibility guidelines are at the bottom of this application. Instructions are on the back.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant:

Applicant is: Veteran Survivor

Mailing Address:

Mailing Town:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Town Exemption Applies to, if Different from Mailing Town:

School Parcel Account Number (SPAN) for Property:

SPAN is listed on your property tax bill. Contact your town clerk if you do not have a bill.

SIGNATURE

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide documentation to verify eligibility for this benefit. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the Office of Veterans Affairs if my eligibility status changes or if the property above is no longer my primary residence.

Signature:

Date:

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for the exemption, **VETERANS** must meet one of the three criteria listed below:
- Receive Disability Compensation for a service-connected disability rated 50% or higher by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Receive Improved Pension (also called Non-Service Connected Disability Pension) from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - Receive a medical retirement from the military.

To be eligible for the exemption, **SURVIVORS** must be the unremarried spouse or a minor child of a veteran who met the eligibility criteria above at the time of their death.

Instructions

1. Complete the Applicant Information portion of the Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and Their Survivors Form.
2. Read the Signature portion. Sign and date the form.
3. Deliver the form, **along with documentation**, to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs by May 1st for the exemption to apply for the following year.
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4. With the exception of individuals meeting the *One Time Filing* criteria listed below, **applicants must submit this form and documentation every year by May 1st to receive the exemption for the following year.**

Documentation

All applications must include documentation to verify eligibility. These verification documents are issued either by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Eligibility based on receipt of Disability Compensation rated 50% or higher, or receipt of Improved Pension, is verified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Verification documents should be mailed to disabled veterans in Jan/Feb of each year. To request documentation, call (800) 827-1000.

Department of Defense

Eligibility based on military retirement for medical reasons is verified by submitting a DD Form 214 that shows the veteran was medically retired, or a copy of the medical retirement letter.

Privacy

The Office of Veterans Affairs does not need any additional information on applicants other than what is listed above. We do not need information on payments the applicant receives. Applicants are free to request documents from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that limit the information included. In addition, applicants are free to black out information, including payment amounts, on the documentation they have before submitting.

The Office of Veterans Affairs will provide the Vermont Department of Taxes and towns the names, addresses, and SPAN numbers of approved applicants. Previously, towns provided the Vermont Department of Taxes with this information. The Office of Veterans Affairs will not provide any information on payments received to the Vermont Department of Taxes. Veterans and survivors, however, are required by law to report payments received from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs when they complete their state income tax return.

One Time Filing

For most applicants, eligibility for this program must be verified on an annual basis. However, the following individuals only have to apply once, as their eligibility will not change.

- Veterans who have been designated "Totally and Permanently" Disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Veterans who have had a Disability Compensation rating of 50% or higher for more than 10 years.
- Veterans who received a medical retirement.
- Surviving spouses (eligibility will only change if they remarry; it is the responsibility of the surviving spouse to notify the Office of Veterans Affairs if they remarry).