

A Message From
Town Supervisor JOSEPH SALADINO
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Dear Veteran,

We want to make certain that all eligible veterans take advantage of the exemption from real property tax that is available to them. This brochure explains veterans property tax exemptions in the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, as determined by New York State law.

Please take a few moments to read the material in this brochure. We believe it will answer questions that you may have related to veterans' tax exemptions.

If you have additional questions, please call the office of Receiver of Taxes at (516) 624-6400.

Sincerely,

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The Veterans Property Tax Exemption

In Nassau County and the Town of Oyster Bay, all veterans applying for the first time for a Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption will receive an exemption based on the type of service they rendered to our country. There are three types of Veterans' Exemptions: Alternate, Eligible Funds, and Cold War. The exemption applies to county and town taxes, including village taxes (*if the village has opted in*). All veterans should contact the Assessor to see if they qualify for the Veterans Exemption for school taxes.

Who is Eligible?

The Alternate and Eligible Funds Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption applies to all veterans who rendered active duty in the US 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); 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*).

The Cold War Veteran Tax Exemption applies to all veterans who served in the US Armed Forces during the Cold War period between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991.

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.

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.



How To Qualify For The Veterans Property Tax Exemption?

In order to be exempt, the property in question must be owned by the veteran, his or her spouse or unremarried surviving spouse or Gold Star Parent. If there is no unremarried surviving spouse, the veteran's surviving dependent mother, father or minor children may also be eligible under certain conditions.

What Benefits Are Granted?

The Alternate Veteran Exemption reduces the assessed value before the tax rate is applied. The reduction is 15% of the assessed value for non-combat veterans and an additional 10% reduction for veterans who served in a combat zone. There is an additional benefit to disabled veterans (equal to one-half of their service connected disability).

The Eligible Funds Veteran Exemption reduces the assessed value before the tax rate is applied. The reduction is equal to the amount of eligible funds used to purchase the home.

The Cold War Veteran Exemption reduces the assessed value before the tax rate is applied. The reduction is 15% of the assessed value or the current Nassau Country cap of \$135, whichever is lower. There is an additional benefit to disabled veterans (equal to one-half of their serviced connected disability).

How To Apply For A Veterans Exemption?

A. Request an application from: Nassau County Department of Assessment, Veterans Exemption Division, 240 Old Country Road, 4th Floor, Mineola, NY 11501, (516) 571-1500.

B. The following documents or certified copies must be presented:

1. Deed or certificate of shares.
2. Proof of Residence (driver's license, car registration, NYS Resident Income Tax Return; voter registration card; or SSA1099.
3. Form DD214, which you received on separation from the service, contains much of the information the assessor needs.
4. Other written documentation may help prove eligibility such as copy of discharge, orders awarding combat medals, VA documentation of disability, etc.
5. Where applicable, a letter from any municipality where previous exemption was granted stating that said exemption has been removed from the exempt and restored to the active assessment roll.

The Department of Assessment Veterans Division can advise you as to what is required and how to obtain the necessary documentation.

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

If You Have Moved Or Changed Ownership.

If you have changed the name on your Deed or Certificate of Shares, or changed your place ___ of residence, please contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment to ensure your exemptions still apply.