

## Program Qualifications

Claimants must meet the following requirements in order to qualify:

One of the following:

- A disabled veteran.
- The unmarried surviving spouse of:
  - a deceased disabled veteran; or
  - a veteran who was killed in action or died in the line of duty.
- A minor orphan of:
  - a deceased disabled veteran; or
  - a veteran who was killed in action or died in the line of duty.

## All of the Following:

1. File an [application](#) by the deadline of September 1.
  - a If the claimant qualifies as an unmarried surviving spouse or as a minor orphan, they will need to complete the [Supplemental Affidavit for Veteran Exemption](#)
  - b **The claimant needs to bring a copy of their DD214 when filing with our county for the first time.**
2. The claimant resided in the property on September 1 of the year the exemption is claimed. Property held under a real estate contract is eligible for the exemption if the claimant is both the purchaser under the contract and is obligated to pay property taxes on the property beginning on January 1 of the year the exemption is claimed.
3. Provide evidence of the veteran's disabled status, with a disability of at least 10%. This is typically in the form of a letter from the Veterans Administration (VA) stating the percentage of disability. This evidence only needs to be submitted with the initial application and will be retained on file. Any status changes require the submission of an updated status letter. A status change includes a change in the disability percentage, or if the veteran has died since the last application and the claimant is newly applying as the unmarried surviving spouse or minor orphan.
4. The property must be the claimant's primary residence.

## Eligible Property

The Veteran with a Disability exemption applies to any real property including a residence, tangible personal property held exclusively for personal use and not used in a trade or business, or a combination of both.

## Amount of Exemption

The amount of the exemption is based on the maximum allowable amount determined by the legislature each year, and is modified according to the percentage of disability.

## Deadline Extensions

The county will extend the application deadline to the year after year the claimant would otherwise be required to file the application if the county determines that:

- A military entity issues a written decision that the percentage of disability has changed, and the date the written decision takes effect is in any year prior to the current calendar year.

- The claimant or a member of the claimant's immediate family had an illness or injury that prevented the claimant from filing the application on or before the original deadline.
- A member of the claimant's immediate family died during the calendar year the claimant was required to file the application.
- The claimant was not physically present in the state for a time period of at least six consecutive months during the calendar year the claimant was required to file the application.
- The failure of the claimant to file the application on or before the deadline for filing the application would be against equity or good conscience and was beyond the reasonable control of the claimant.