

DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION

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Under certain conditions, disabled veterans and spouses of deceased veterans may be eligible for a disabled veterans' exemption. Depending on the disability, the disabled veterans' exemption may exempt up to \$147,535 off of the assessed value of the veterans' home. Once the disabled veterans' exemption is granted, it will remain in effect either until the disabled veteran is no longer on title to the property, moves from the property, or the disability rating changes. Annual filing is not necessary.

The exemption may increase to \$221,304 if the veterans' household income was less than \$66,251 during 2020. Low income claimants will need to file a claim and complete an income worksheet annually. The annual filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on February 15 for 100% of the exemption amount.

Qualifying conditions for a Disabled Veterans' Exemption

- The property must be the veterans' principal place of residence; and
- The veteran must be on title to the property (includes ownership in certain corporations); and
- The veteran, due to a service-connected condition, is rated by the Veterans' Administration as 100% disabled, is compensated as 100% disabled, is blind in both eyes, or has lost the use of two or more limbs.

Qualifying conditions for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran

- The spouse was married to the veteran at the time of the veterans' death; and
- The spouse is unmarried; and
- The property is the spouse's principal place of residence; and
- The spouse is on title to the property; and either
 - The veteran died as a result of a service-connected condition or while on active duty; or
 - The veteran was eligible for the disabled veterans' exemption during their lifetime.

Filing requirements for the Disabled Veterans' Exemption

- Completed claim form
- Copy of letter from the Veterans' Administration verifying 100% service-connected disability and date of rating
- Copy of veterans' discharge papers (DD214)
- Completed income worksheet, if applying for increased amount due to low income

Additional filing requirements for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran

- Copy of marriage certificate
- Copy of veterans' death certificate
- Copy of letter from the Veterans' Administration verifying service-connected death if veteran was not eligible for the exemption during their lifetime

The information in this pamphlet is a synopsis of the Disabled Veterans' Exemption and reflects California assessment/taxation laws in effect January 1, 2021.

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