

REQUIREMENTS:

Proof of Service

Please provide 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 Primary Residence

Please provide one of the following:

(NYS Driver's License, Federal Income Tax Return, SSA-1099, or Car Registration) Proof of residence documentation must show the current address.

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.

Other Important Documents:

VA Combined Service Connected disability Compensation rating Letter; Veteran's Death Certificate (if widow is applicant), Trust (all pages)

All information and application filing requirements as mandated by NYS RPTL is subject to change at any time without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 Assessment Department to find out if your exemptions still apply and ensure our records are up-to-date.

Where to pick up an application:

To obtain a property tax exemption application, please visit the Assessment Department from June 1st– Oct 1st.



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Village of Freeport Property Tax Exemption for

Veterans



Deadline Oct 1st

TYPES OF VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

Alternative

Veterans who served during wartime or have received an expeditionary medal

Cold War

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

WHAT TAX BENEFITS ARE GRANTED?

Qualifying applicants will see the village portion of the property tax bill reduced.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The legal title of the property must be in the name of the:

- Veteran, Spouse, or both
- Unremarried Surviving Spouse

The ownership requirement will be met if the veteran, spouse, or unremarried surviving spouse is a Life Estate holder in the trust or is the life tenant of the property.

ACTIVE DUTY EXEMPTIONS

The veteran must have served on active duty in the US Armed Forces during:

Persian Gulf conflict	Commencing August 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	Nov. 1, 1955– May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 27, 1950– Jan. 31, 1955
World War II	Dec. 7, 1941– Dec. 31, 1946

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

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 or theater
- Additional benefit for disabled veterans (equal to half of their VA combined service-connected disability rating)

Cold War

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

- 15% of the assessed value
- Additional benefit to disabled veterans (equal to half of their VA combined service-connected disability rating)

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.

APPLICATION IS DUE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026