



2018 Application for Veterans' with Disabilities Standard Homestead Exemption

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Section 1: Instructions

- A. **Taxpayer eligibility.** To qualify for this exemption, the taxpayer must meet the following requirements:
- Be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty or state active duty, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces, and has an honorable discharge.
 - Have at least a 30% service-connected disability (not including unemployability) certified by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs.
- B. **Property eligibility.** To be eligible for the exemption:
- The eligible veteran taxpayer must be the owner of record and occupy the house as of January 1 of the assessment year.
 - The property must have a total equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of less than \$250,000 for the primary residence, excluding the EAV of property used for commercial purposes or rented for more than 6 months.
 - If you previously received this exemption and now reside in a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or operated by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, you are still eligible to receive the VDSHE provided your property is occupied by your spouse; or remains unoccupied during the assessment year.
- C. **Surviving Spouse.**
- An un-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran may continue to receive the VDSHE on his or her spouse's homestead property or transfer the VDSHE to a new primary residence, provided that the VDSHE had previously been granted to the veteran. Contact the Kane County Assessment Office for more information.
 - Beginning in the tax year 2015, an un-remarried surviving spouse of a veteran killed in the line of duty is eligible for the VDSHE on his/her primary residence, even if the veteran did not previously qualify or obtain the VDSHE. The surviving spouse can transfer the VDSHE to another primary residence after the veteran's original primary residence is sold. An un-remarried surviving spouse must occupy and hold legal or beneficial title to the primary residence on January 1 of the assessment year. Contact the Kane County Assessment Office for more information.
- D. **Application.** State law requires that an application *must be made each year* the taxpayer remains eligible. Application should be filed with the Kane County Assessment Office by the owner of record no later than November 30 of the assessment year.
- E. **Restrictions.** A taxpayer claims an exemption under 35 ILCS 200/15/165 (Veterans' with Disabilities Homestead Exemption) or 35 ILCS 200/15-168 (Persons' with Disabilities Homestead Exemptions) may not claim this exemption.
- F. **Exemption Amount.** Under 35 ILCS 200/15-169, qualified taxpayers are permitted an exemption that will remove:
- All EAV from the property (before taxes are calculated) for a veteran with at least a 70% overall combined service-connected disability rating.
 - \$5,000 of EAV from the property (before taxes are calculated) for a veteran with a 50%-69% overall combined service-connected disability rating.
 - \$2,500 of EAV from the property (before taxes are calculated) for a veteran with a 30%-49% overall combined service-connected disability rating.



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Section 2: Property Identification (please print)

Owner/Taxpayer Name(s): _____ Parcel No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Mailing Address: _____ Property Address: _____

Mailing City, State, ZIP: _____ Property City, State, ZIP: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ I have owned and occupied this property since _____ month/day/year.

Do you own any other real estate anywhere in the United States?
 Yes; the address of the real estate is _____
 No; this is the only property I/we own.

On January 1, were you a resident of a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or operated by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs?
 Yes; name and address of the facility is _____
 No.

Section 3: Oath (Select one)

I have qualified for this homestead exemption on this property in a prior year, **AND** a Disability Certification Letter containing the overall combined rating percentage and effective date from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs for the current assessment year is attached.

To request a verification letter that specifies your percentage of "service-connected disability rating" and effective date,
Call the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1 800 827-1000 or,
go online to your Veteran's E-benefit account at ebenefits.va.gov.
Any other rating is not valid.

I am a first-time applicant or I am applying on a new residence for the first time. I attest to the fact that the above address is my principal residence, and I am the owner of record as of January 1 of the assessment year. I am an Illinois resident and I have served in the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or Reserve Forces, and have received an honorable discharge. I have a service-connected disability of at least 30%. In support of this initial application, I hereby supply:

- A Department of Defense DD Form 214, certified by the county recorder or Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
AND
- A Disability Certification Letter containing the rating percentage and effective date as of January 1 of the year your applying for from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs for the current assessment year. Unemployability can no longer be included in the overall or combined rating.

Applicant's signature

Date

Official use. Do not write in this space.

Documentation: DD Form 214 Disability Certification Letter with effective date _____
Percentage of disability _____
Assessed value under \$250,000? Yes No

Approved: Yes
 No; Reason for denial _____ By _____