

## Required Documents

- Proof of Service – Report of Separation (Form DD-214 or WD-AGO-53-55); Certificate of Service (DD-217) or USA Certification of Military Service (NA-13038), Honorable Discharge Certificate (DD-256) 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 Residence – Driver’s license, car registration, latest NYS resident income tax return, voter registration card or SSA 1099.
- Other Documentation (as required)- VA combined service-connected disability compensation rating letter; veteran’s death certificate (if widow is applicant); veteran’s certificate of demise (for Gold Star Parent); trust (all pages).
- In cases involving two or more properties, a letter from the municipality where a previous veterans exemption was granted stating that said exemption was removed.

## Veteran Service Records

If you are a veteran, or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran, you may contact the Federal Records Center at (866) 272-6272 to order a copy of your military records. All others may request information using Standard Form 180.

## Applications

Applications can be downloaded from our website at [hempsteadny.gov/tax-exemptions/veterans](http://hempsteadny.gov/tax-exemptions/veterans) or requested by calling our office at (516) 538-1500. Once your application has been approved, you do not have to reapply unless you sell your home and buy another residence that qualifies for the exemption.

## Important Reminder

Residents should contact the Department of Assessment before changing the name on their deed or certificate of shares and before changing their primary residence, as the exemption status may be impacted.

## Filing Deadline

Applications must be postmarked or received by the Taxable Status Date of **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Town of Hempstead Tax Office

(516) 538-1500 • [receiver@tohmail.org](mailto:receiver@tohmail.org)  
[hempsteadny.gov/receiver-of-taxes-office](http://hempsteadny.gov/receiver-of-taxes-office)

### Nassau County Dept. of Assessment

(516) 571-1500 • [ncassessor@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:ncassessor@nassaucountyny.gov)  
[nassaucountyny.gov/1501/assessment](http://nassaucountyny.gov/1501/assessment)

### NYS Division of Veteran Affairs

(888) 838-7697 • [veterans.ny.gov](http://veterans.ny.gov)

### U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

(800) 827-1000 • [va.gov](http://va.gov)

### U.S. Department of Defense

(703) 571-3343 • [dod.defense.gov](http://dod.defense.gov)

### Federal Records Center

(866) 272-6272 • [archives.gov/veterans](http://archives.gov/veterans)

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# Your Guide to VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

- Alternative Veterans
- Cold War Veterans
- Eligible Funds



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The Town of Hempstead participates in three veterans exemptions; **Alternative Veterans, Cold War Veterans** and **Eligible Funds**. Only one exemption can be received at a time. However, if a property is co-owned by two qualified veterans, two veteran's exemptions can be combined. (Exemption amounts cannot exceed the property's assessed value.) Percentage-level benefits are subject to a maximum dollar limit set by each taxing jurisdiction. Eligible veterans will receive a partial exemption on county and town taxes as well as school taxes in districts that opt-in to this program, but not on special district taxes. Villages may participate in veterans exemptions at local option.

The **Alternative Veterans Exemption** is a property tax reduction program on the primary residence of veterans who served during wartime or have received an Expeditionary Medal. This exemption provides three levels of benefits:

- 15 percent of the assessed value for non-combat veterans for service during wartime.
- Additional 10 percent for combat veterans who served in a combat zone.
- Additional benefit for disabled veterans equal to one-half of the VA combined service-connected disability rating.\*

\* **Service-connected disabilities** must be certified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs or the U.S. Department of Defense. If the disability is not permanent, a renewal application must be submitted.

In order to receive this exemption, the veteran must have served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces during a designated time of war as follows:

<b>Conflict:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>
Persian Gulf	Beginning 8/2/90
Panama*	12/20/89 - 1/31/90
Lebanon*	6/1/83 - 12/1/87
Grenada*	10/23/83 - 11/21/83
Vietnam War	2/28/61 - 5/7/75
Korean War	6/27/50 - 1/31/55
World War II	12/7/41 - 12/31/46

- Expeditionary Medal must have been received to be eligible for the Alternative Veterans Exemption in these instances.

Gold Star Parents (parents of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces during a period of war) are eligible for the Alternative Veterans Exemption.

Qualifying veterans who were called to active duty to restore and maintain postal service during Operation Graphic Hand (March 23, 1970) are eligible for the Alternative Veterans Exemption.

The **Cold War Veterans Exemption** is a property tax reduction program on the primary residence of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Cold War period between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991. There are two levels of benefits:

- 15 percent of the assessed value or current Nassau County cap of \$124, depending on whichever is lower.
- Additional benefit for disabled veterans equal to one-half of their VA combined service-connected disability rating.\*

Following the passing of a 2018 resolution, the Cold War Veterans Exemption is now a life-time exemption in the Town of Hempstead as long as the veteran or unremarried surviving spouse remains a homeowner of the property.

The **Eligible Funds Exemption** is a property tax reduction program on a veteran owned property that was purchased with the veteran's military pension, bonus or insurance monies. The amount of the exemption is equal to the amount of eligible funds used to purchase the home, and can be reduced by reassessments or increased when newly received VA money is reinvested into the property. Eligible Funds recipients must file for the Alternative Veterans Exemption in order to receive a partial school tax reduction.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Property must be owned by an honorably discharged veteran, his/her spouse or unremarried surviving spouse, or Gold Star Parent. If there is no unremarried surviving spouse, the veteran's surviving dependent parent or minor children may also be eligible under certain conditions.
- Veterans of the Guard and Reserve who were called up for active duty for any service other than training during a period of war are entitled to a veterans exemption on the town and county portion of their real estate taxes. Proof must be provided that service was not for training.
- Alternative and Cold War Veteran Exemptions are only applied to the "veteran owner occupied" residence of the veteran. The Eligible Funds Exemption can be applied to a "veteran owned" property.