



VETERAN'S EXEMPTIONS

NEIL COMBEE, POLK COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

VETERAN'S DISABILITY EXEMPTION § 196.24

The Veteran Disability Exemption qualifies the honorably discharged veteran for a \$5,000 reduction (\$90± in tax dollars) in the assessed value of the property for the veteran with a 10% or more service-connected disability.

To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must:

- Be a resident of Florida & own the property as of Jan. 1 of the year of application.
- Submit a letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting a service-connected disability of 10% or more, with an effective date prior to Jan. 1 of the year of application.

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The State of Florida offers several property tax exemptions to help our disabled veterans. As part of our service to you, we want to make sure you are aware of all exemptions available to veterans & the eligibility requirements.

VETERAN'S TOTAL & PERMANENT DISABILITY EXEMPTION § 196.081

The Veteran Total & Permanent Disability Exemption qualifies the honorably discharged veteran with a 100% total & permanent service-connected disability to be tax exempt. This does not include the exemption from special assessments such as garbage or street lighting. This exemption is not retroactive for ad valorem purposes.

To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must:

- Have applied for & been granted the Homestead Exemption.
- Submit a letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting a Total & Permanent service-connected disability, with an effective date prior to Jan. 1 of the year of application.

NOTE: Having a rating of 100% does not necessarily mean a veteran is deemed Total & Permanent by the Veteran's Administration.

VETERAN'S COMBAT RELATED DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS § 196.082

The Veteran Combat Related Disability Exemption is calculated from the remaining assessed value after all other exemptions have been applied & is equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent service-connected disability.

To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must:

- Have applied for & been granted the Homestead Exemption
- Be 65 years of age or older prior to Jan. 1 of the application year (proof of age required)
- Have been Honorably Discharged from the service
- Submit a letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting a combat-related service-connected disability of 10% or more, with an effective date prior to Jan. 1 of the year of application. Our office will help you complete a request form & send it to the Veteran's Administration.

DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS § 196.173

This exemption is calculated based on the number of days a service member is on active duty outside the continental United States in support of a qualified operation as listed in § 196.173(2) in the preceding year.

To qualify for this exemption, the applicant must:

- The service member must own & have been granted homestead within the preceding year.
- Apply for the exemption by Mar. 1 of the year following the year of the qualifying deployment on form DR501M.
- The service member must provide proof of a qualifying deployment, including the dates of deployment & other information necessary to verify eligibility for & the amount of the exemption. These documents can include DD-214, DD-1351, or military orders, but must clearly show the amount of time outside the United States.