



**Veterans with Disabilities  
Standard Homeowner Exemption**

Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_

C/E Number \_\_\_\_\_

Property Index Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Property Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

Owner / Taxpayer \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Check your type of residence:**

- Single-family dwelling       Duplex
- Townhouse                       Condominium
- Apartment                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

On January 1st, did you occupy this property as your principal residence?       Yes       No

If "No", write the date you first occupied this property (if applicable). \_\_\_\_\_

On January 1st, were you liable for the payment of real estate taxes on this property?       Yes       No

On January 1st, was any portion of this property used for commercial purposes or rented to another person or entity for more than six months?       Yes       No

Are you a disabled veteran and an Illinois resident?       Yes       No

Are you a veteran or the non-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who 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?       Yes       No

Were you remarried as of January 1st?       Yes       No

Are you a veteran or the non-remarried surviving spouse of a veteran with a service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs?       Yes       No

If you are claiming this exemption on this property for the first time, check the type of documentation you are attaching as proof that you have a legal or beneficial title to the property.

- Deed                                   Contract for deed
- Trust Agreement                   Other \_\_\_\_\_

Write here the date the written document was executed. \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a non-remarried surviving spouse, are you claiming this exemption for the first time on your new residence?       Yes       No

If "Yes", complete the following:

Deceased Disabled Veteran's Name      Date of Death

Applicants are required to please include a disability certification or verification letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) stating the applicant [veteran] has a service-connected disability for the assessment year being applied for. The document must also specify the percentage of that service-connected disability. Please see Page 2 of this form, upper right column, for more infromation.

I state that to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Owner/Lessee or Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Disabled Veterans Standard Homeowner Exemption

### General Information

#### What is the Disabled Veterans Standard Homeowner Exemption?

The Disabled Veterans Standard Homeowner Exemption provides an annual reduction in the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) on the primary residence occupied by a disabled veteran on January 1st of the assessment year. The amount of the exemption each year depends on the percentage of the disabled veteran's service connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A disabled veteran at least 70% disabled will be completely exempt from property taxes. A disabled veteran with at least a 50% to 69% service-connected disability will receive an annual \$5,000 reduction in EAV. A veteran with a 30% to 49% service-connected disability will receive an annual \$2,500 reduction in EAV.

#### Who is eligible?

To qualify for the Disabled Veterans Standard Homeowner Exemption, the veteran 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 have been honorably discharged.
- Have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,
- Own and occupy the property as the primary residence on January 1st of the assessment year and
- Have a total EAV for the primary residence of less than \$250,000, excluding the EAV of property used for commercial purposes or rented for more than six months

**Note:** The property's total EAV must be less than \$250,000 after subtracting any portion used for commercial purposes. Commercial purposes include any portion of the property rented for more than six months.

A non-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran can continue to receive this exemption on the spouse's homestead property or transfer this exemption to a new primary residence. To qualify, the surviving spouse must meet the following requirements:

- Sell the disabled veteran's previous property before transferring the exemption to his or her new primary residence, and
- Occupy the property as the primary residence and hold a legal or beneficial title to the property on January 1st of the assessment year.

#### What types of documentation must be provided with this form as proof of my disability?

Applicants are **required** to please include a disability certification or verification letter from the **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** stating the applicant [veteran] has a service-connected disability for the assessment year being applied for. The document must also specify the percentage of that service-connected disability. Application forms cannot be processed without such a document.

Also required is one of the following documents that is the original or a copy certified by the county recorder, record of deeds, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs or the National Archives Record Center.

- Form DD214 or separation of service from the War Department (military service prior to 1950); or
- Certification of Military Service Form.

A non-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran applying for the first time or transferring the exemption must also provide the disabled veteran's marriage and death certificates and proof of ownership.

#### When will I receive my exemption?

The year that you apply for this exemption is referred to as the assessment year. If your exemption is granted, it will be applied to the property tax bills that are paid the year following the assessment year.

#### What are the different types of homeowner exemptions available for disabled persons and/or veterans?

The Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption allows for up to a \$70,000 reduction in assessed value for federally approved, specially adapted housing. This exemption is administered and certified by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. Three additional exemptions are administered by the Cook County Assessor's Office. The Disabled Persons Homeowner Exemption allows for an annual \$2,000 reduction in EAV and the Disabled Veterans Standard Homeowner Exemption allows for an annual reduction of \$2,500 or \$5,000 in a property's EAV. **Please Note:** you can claim only one of the three exemptions referenced above. A Returning Veterans Homeowner Exemption is also available to veterans returning from active duty. This exemption allows for a \$5,000 reduction in EAV and may be received in addition to any of the other exemptions referenced above.

#### When and where must I file?

You must apply for this exemption each year with the Cook County Assessor's Office by the due date in order to receive this exemption. For additional information or assistance in filing this application, please contact the Cook County Assessor's Office. The office's address and telephone number are atop this page.