



Re: Disabled Veterans Exemption

Per PA 161 of 2013, Disabled Veterans who meet the eligibility requirements, own and occupy their property as their homestead and **ANNUALLY** file the proper affidavit and support documents are 100% exempt from paying property taxes.

Eligibility –

1. A Veteran who is disabled as a result of a military service-related injury or condition and meets at least one of the criteria below:
 - a. VA determined that they are entitled to veterans benefits at the 100% rate.
 - b. Certificate from VA that disabled veteran receives pecuniary (monetary) assistance for specially adapted housing.
 - c. VA rated disabled veteran as individually unemployable.
2. The Veteran owns and occupies their property as their principal residence (A Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit must be on file with the Assessor's office).
3. The Veteran was honorably discharged.

Application – owner must file with the assessor ANNUALLY between Tax Day (December 31) and the final adjournment of the March Board of Review:

1. Affidavit supplied by assessor
2. Proof of Honorable Discharge
3. Letter or certificate from the Veterans Administration:
 - a. That the VA has determined owner is permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans benefits at the 100% rate.
 - i. Awards Letter – from VA. States the percentage of disability.
 - or
 - ii. Commissary Letter – specifically states that person is 100% disabled due to service-connected disability.
 - b. The VA certifies that owner is receiving or has received pecuniary (monetary) assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.
 - c. VA rated owner as individually unemployable. (Would also have an Awards or Commissary Letter.)

Surviving Spouse – is also eligible for the exemption as long as he/she provides same documentation on an ANNUAL basis and remains unmarried. In addition to the above requirements, you will also need to provide a copy of your marriage certificate.

If you need a copy of your Award or Commissary Letters from the Veterans Administration, contact Oakland County Veterans Services – Pontiac Office: 248-858-0785