

THE DISABLED VETERAN HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION

Q: What is the Disabled Veteran Exclusion Homestead Property Tax Relief?

A: The Disabled Veterans Exclusion which provides property tax relief for qualified Honorably Discharged North Carolina disabled veterans that has a total and permanent service-connected disability or one that received benefits for specially adapted housing. The exemption excludes up to \$45,000 of the assessed value of their permanent residence from property taxes.

Example:

Without Exclusion:

Value of Home 150,000

Multiplied by Sample x .00535

Tax Rate

Total Taxes \$802.50

With Exclusion:

Value of Home 150,000

Less Exclusion 150,000 -45,000 =

Amount of 45,000 = 105,000

Multiplied by Sample x .00535

Tax Rate

Total Taxes \$561.75

Please note: This example is a comparative guide and is provided as a general informational tool only. The tax rate used in the example is county-wide general fund rate in effect for the tax year 2008.

Q: What are the qualifications for the Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion?

A: You may be qualified for the Disabled Veteran Exclusion if:

- YOU ARE a Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran (or unmarried surviving spouse of same) whose owns your permanent residence, (including a manufactured home) and is a legal resident of Catawba County; AND
- YOU (or YOUR SPOUSE) are certified by the Veteran's Administration or another federal agency to have a permanent total disability that is service-connected.

OR

- YOU ARE a Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran (or unmarried surviving spouse of same) whose owns your permanent residence, (including a manufactured home) and is a legal resident of Catawba County; AND
- YOU (or YOUR SPOUSE) received benefits for specially adapted house under 38 U.S.C. § 2101

Q: What is considered part of my Homestead/Permanent Residence?

A: It includes your dwelling, the dwelling site (not to exceed 1 acre), and related improvements such as a garage, carport or storage building. The dwelling may be a single family residence, a unit in a multi-family complex, or a manufactured home.

Q: Do I have to apply in person?

A: For this exemption, the qualifying homeowner may submit an [application](#) by mail or in person at the Tax Department. To make an appointment, or for further information, call 828-4654-8426 or 828-465-8427.

Q: What supporting documents do I need in order to apply?

A: You must furnish the following:

- Proof that the Veteran was Honorably Discharged. (ie. Form DD-256 or DD214), **AND**
- Certification by VA or another federal agency that permanent total disability is service connected (ie., Award Letter from VA given to veteran when disability determination was made or VA response letter to veteran's request for certification; **OR**
- Proof that veteran received or is receiving benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. § 2101.

Q: How much income can I make and still qualify for the exclusion?

A: There is no income limitation for this tax relief.

Q: When is the deadline to file an [application](#)?

A: Applications are timely filed if received by June 1st of the year for which the exemption is applied.

Q: Do I need to reapply annually?

A: No. You do not need to reapply annually. However, you must notify the Tax Assessor if:

- You move, sell or rent your house, OR
- You make changes to the owners listed on the deed, OR
- There is a change in your disability status.