

When should I file for the Disabled Veterans' Exemption?

A qualified applicant must file by the end of the calendar year for the tax year in which they wish to seek relief. For example, an applicant acquiring property in March 2009 must file an exemption claim by December 31, 2009 in order to be considered timely.

Claims received after that date are still eligible for exemption, but will only receive 85% of the appropriate exemption for that year. Applicants will then receive 100% of the appropriate exemption every year thereafter.

Must I file for the exemption every year?

Claims for the basic exemption require a one-time filing. The exemption will then be applied automatically every year thereafter until no longer eligible.

Claims for the low-income exemption require an annual filing. The annual filing deadline is February 15.

May I file for this exemption retroactively?

Yes. California State law allows retroactive filings in some cases, subject to late-filing penalties.

Where may I get more information?

You may obtain more information by calling the Assessor's Disabled Veterans' Exemption Section at (619) 531-5773, by downloading the application from our Web site at www.sdarcc.com, or by writing to us at:

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What is a Disabled Veterans' Exemption?

The Disabled Veterans' Exemption is available for qualified veterans or the unmarried surviving spouse of the veteran to reduce their property taxes. The exemption amount is adjusted annually due to inflation.

Who is eligible for the Disabled Veterans' Exemption?

Veterans of the United States military who are rated 100% disabled as a result of a service-connected disability, or who are compensated at 100% due to unemployability.

Are surviving spouses eligible for the Disabled Veterans' Exemption?

Yes. An unmarried surviving spouse may qualify if:

- The disabled veteran was eligible for the exemption during the veteran's lifetime or whose death was service-connected, or
- The veteran died on active duty as the result of a service-connected disease or injury.

Are there different levels of the Disabled Veterans' Exemption?

Yes. The two levels are basic and low-income:

- The basic exemption is available to a qualified veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse regardless of income.
- The low-income exemption is dependant upon the annual household income of the veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse.

What determines the amount of the exemption?

The exemption depends on the assessed value of the property, percentage of ownership, timeliness of filing a claim for the exemption, and household income of the veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse.

How do I qualify for the low-income exemption?

To qualify for the low-income exemption, the household income of the qualifying veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse must not exceed the state's annual income limit. Low-income exemptions require an annual filing.

What is necessary in order to file for the exemption?

You must submit the following information:

- A Disabled Veterans' Exemption claim, available at the Assessor's Office by calling (619) 531-5773, or on the Assessor's Web site at www.sdarcc.com.
- A copy of the veteran's DD214 stating honorable discharge.
- The complete rating decision letter from the Veterans Administration indicating 100% service-connected disability and effective date of rating.
- Gross income sheet (only for low-income applicants).

What is necessary for the surviving spouse to file for the exemption?

In addition to the items listed above, the unmarried surviving spouse must submit the following:

- A copy of the marriage certificate.
- A copy of the death certificate.
- Additional documentation may be required.