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Veterans with Disabilities Standard Homeowners Exemption Apply online at cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions C/E Number						
Property Index Number(s)				Owner / Taxpayer		
Property Street Address				Owner's Mailing Addres	S	
City	State	Zip		City	State Zip	
Township				Daytime Phone Number		
Check your type of residence: O Single-family dwelling O Duplex O Townhouse O Condominium				Were you remarried as of this tax year? O Yes O 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? O Yes O 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. O Deed O Contract for deed		
O Apartment In this tax year, did you occupy this property as your principal residence? Write the date you first occupied this property (if applicable). In this tax year, were you liable for the payment of real estate taxes on this						
property? In this tax year, was any portion of this property used for commercial purposes or rented to another person or entity for more than six months? Are you an Illinois resident and a veteran with a disability?		O Yes O Yes O Yes	O No O No	Write here the date the written document was executed. If you are a non-remarried surviving spouse, are you claiming this exemption		
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?		O Yes	O No	for the first time on your new residence? Yes No If "Yes", complete the following: Deceased Disabled Veteran's Name Date of Death		
Affairs (VA) stating the ap	plicant [vetera fy the percenta	n] has a se	ervice-conne	cted disability for the assessr	e U.S. Department of Veterans ment year being applied for. The Page 2 of this form, upper right	

Signature of Owner/Lessee or Representative

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

Date

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Disabled Veterans Standard Homeowner Exemption

General Information

All applications must include Photo ID and Occupancy Affidavit

What is the Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (35 ILCS 200/15-169)?

This property tax exemption provides a reduction in the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of the primary residence occupied by a veteran with a service-connected disability during the tax year. The amount of the reduction each year depends on the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability in that tax year, as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If qualified: a veteran with a 30% to 49% service-connected disability will receive a \$2,500 reduction in EAV. A veteran with a 50% to 69% service-connected disability will receive a \$5,000 reduction in EAV. A veteran with a service-connected disability of at least 70% will receive up to a \$250,000 reduction in EAV.

Who is qualified?

To qualify for the Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities, all of the following requirements must be met.

The veteran must:

- 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, and
- have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

In addition, the property must:

- be occupied by the veteran as their primary residence in the tax year, and
- have a total EAV of less than \$250,000, after subtracting any portion of the EAV of the property used for commercial purposes or rented for more than six months.

Can the veteran's surviving spouse receive this exemption?

A non-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran may be eligible for this exemption. In their application, the veteran's spouse must include the veteran's marriage and death certificates, and proof of ownership of the residence.

A non-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran may 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 in the tax year.

What types of documentation must be provided with this form as proof of service-connected disability?

Applications (including renewals) must include:

• 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 tax year being applied for. The document must specify the percentage of the service-connected disability. The application 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 clerk, 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 and where must I file?

You must apply for this exemption with the Cook County Assessor's Office by the due date in order to receive this exemption. For assistance, please contact the Cook County Assessor's Office.

When will I receive my exemption?

Cook County property taxes are administered and issued in the calendar year after the tax year. For example, in calendar year 2021, a qualified veteran could apply for this exemption for tax year 2020. If received, the exemption will affect the second installment property tax bill for tax year 2020, issued in summer of calendar year 2021.

What other exemptions are available to persons with disabilities and/or veterans?

By law, veterans with disabilities can claim up to **one** of the following exemptions on their primary residence for a single tax year:

- this Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (35 ILCS 200/15-169); or
- the Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities (35 ILCS 200/15-168); or
- the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption (35 ILCS 200/15-165), an exemption for veterans and their spouses with specially adapted housing. This exemption is administered by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

A Returning Veterans Homeowner Exemption is also available to veterans returning from active duty. This exemption allows for a one-time \$5,000 reduction in EAV, is administered by the Cook County Assessor's Office, and may be received in addition to any of the three exemptions referenced above.

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OCCUPANCY AFFIDAVIT

Affiant's Name:	Phone #: ()			
Affiant's Current Address:(property	address, city, state and zip code)			
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I,	, do hereby state under oath as follows:			
(Affiant's name)				
From to(date)	, I occupied as my principal residence			
the preparty commonly known as	and			
the property commonly known as(prope	rty address, city, state and zip code)			
identified by Property Index Number(s)	,			
and I did not request or receive a homestead exen	nption on a different property for any of those years.			
I swear that the facts stated above are true and co	mplete.			
Signature of Affiant (required)				

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