

## REQUIREMENTS:

### Proof of Service

Please provide of the following:

Form DD-214 or WD-AGO-53-55 (Report of separation); DD-217 (Certificate of Service) or NA-13038 (USA Certification of Military Service) Form DD-256 (Honorable Discharge certificate) may also be required to show character of service.

*Proof of Service documents MUST show the character of service as "Honorable."*

### Proof of Ownership

Deed or Certificate of Shares

### Proof of Primary Residence

*Please provide one of the following:*

(NYS Driver's License, Federal Income Tax Return, SSA-1099, or Car Registration) Proof of residence documentation must show the current address.

*In cases involving two or more properties, a letter from the municipality where a previous Veterans' Exemption was granted stating that the exemption was removed.*

### Other Important Documents:

VA Combined Service Connected disability Compensation rating Letter; Veteran's Death Certificate (if widow is applicant), Trust (all pages)

All information and application filing requirements as mandated by NYS RPTL is subject to change at any time without notice.

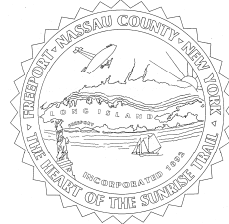
## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you plan on or have changed the name on your **Deed** or **Certificate of Shares** or changed your place of residence, please contact the Assessment Department to find out if your exemptions still apply and ensure our records are up-to-date.

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### Where to pick up an application:

To obtain a property tax exemption application, please visit the Assessment Department from June 1st– Oct 1st.



VILLAGE OF FREEPORT  
ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

46 N Ocean Ave

Freeport, New York 11520

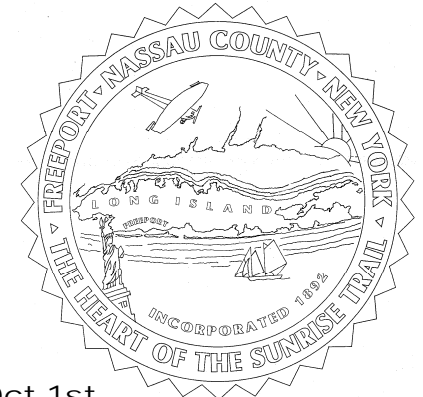
(516) 377-2256 Fax (516) 377-2769

[www.freeportny.gov](http://www.freeportny.gov)

## Village of Freeport

## Property Tax Exemption for

# Veterans



Deadline Oct 1st

## TYPES OF VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

### Alternative

Veterans who served during wartime or have received an expeditionary medal

### Cold War

Veterans who served in the US Armed Forces during the Cold War period between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991

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## WHAT TAX BENEFITS ARE GRANTED?

Qualifying applicants will see the village portion of the property tax bill reduced.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The legal title of the property must be in the name of the:

- Veteran, Spouse, or both
- Unremarried Surviving Spouse

The ownership requirement will be met if the veteran, spouse, or unremarried surviving spouse is a Life Estate holder in the trust or is the life tenant of the property.

## ACTIVE DUTY EXEMPTIONS

The veteran must have served on active duty in the US Armed Forces during:

<b>Persian Gulf conflict</b>	Commencing August 2, 1990
<b>Panama</b>	Dec. 20, 1989– Jan. 31, 1990
<b>Lebanon</b>	June 1, 1983– Dec. 1, 1987
<b>Grenada</b>	Oct. 23, 1983– Nov. 21, 1983
<b>Vietnam War</b>	Nov. 1, 1955– May 7, 1975
<b>Korean War</b>	June 27, 1950– Jan. 31, 1955
<b>World War II</b>	Dec. 7, 1941– Dec. 31, 1946

## HOW ARE BENEFITS CALCULATED?

### Alternative

The exemption reduces the assessed value of your primary residence before the tax rate is applied. There are three levels of benefits:

- 15% of assessed value for non-combat veterans who served during a period of war
- Additional 10% for combat veterans who served in a combat zone or theater
- Additional benefit for disabled veterans (equal to half of their VA combined service-connected disability rating)

### Cold War

The exemption reduces the assessed value of your primary residence before the tax rate is applied. There are two level of benefits:

- 15% of the assessed value
- Additional benefit to disabled veterans (equal to half of their VA combined service-connected disability rating)

*You can only receive one exemption at a time. However, if you co-own the property with another qualified veteran, each of your exemptions can be combined.*

**APPLICATION IS DUE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023**