



Assessor's Fact Sheet for RP-458-a

Alternative Veterans Exemption

Questions	Answers
Is this the STAR?	No , the STAR is a separate program run by New York State to help homeowners with school property taxes only.
What are the eligibility requirements?	- Property must be your primary residence - Owner must be a veteran of the armed forces <i>who has served during a designated time of war or who has received an expeditionary medal</i> - Owner may be the unremarried, surviving spouse of a veteran meeting one of the criteria above
Can I qualify for this exemption if I served in the Reserves?	Generally, no. However, you may qualify if you were called up to active duty (not just training) and otherwise meet all other qualifications for this exemption.
What does this exemption help with?	This exemption helps eligible homeowners with county and town property taxes .
How much will I save with this exemption?	You can save 15% off the assessed value of your home for the purposes of calculating your property taxes. You can save an additional 10% if you served in a combat zone . Veterans with a service-connected disability can save an additional percentage off the assessed value of their home based on their compensation rating .
What is the deadline for applying?	Applications are due no later than March 1 each year. However, there's no need to wait. You may apply anytime in the five months leading up to March 1.
Do I have to renew this exemption every year?	Generally, no. This exemption does not require annual renewal. However, anytime there is a change to your compensation rating related to a service-connected disability, you will need to submit a short application to update your exemption. This application is due back in our office no later than March 1 to be considered for the next year's assessment roll.
Will you notify me if I am approved for this exemption?	No , our office does not send out approval letters. We only notify residents who do <u>not</u> qualify for the exemption. However, starting May 1, you may call our office or review your parcel information on the Tentative Assessment Roll to see your exemption amount(s).