

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION



Are you a disabled veteran?

- ✓ Can you provide an official document stating you were “honorably discharged” from military services
- and**
- ✓ have a service-connected disability of 10% or more
- with**
- ✓ a current homestead exemption in Lake County?

If you are a veteran or an unremarried surviving spouse and meet ALL the requirements above, you may qualify for one of three available exemptions that could provide significant savings on your annual property tax bill.



	DISABLED VETERANS Florida Statutes 196.24	SENIORS COMBAT-RELATED DISABLED VETERANS Florida Statutes 196.082	TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERANS Florida Statutes 196.081
Eligibility Criteria	Disability of 10% or more	Veteran aged 65 or older as of January 1 Combat-related disability	Service-connected total & permanent disability
Required Document	Letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of service-connected disability of 10% or more	Letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of combat-connected disability of 10% or more	Letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating you have a service-connected total and permanent disability with an effective date
Exemption Amount	\$5000 of value reduced	Value reduced based on percentage of veteran's disability rating	Exempt from all ad valorem taxes

If you are a deployed service member on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of a qualified military operation, please contact our office, as you may be eligible to receive an additional exemption based on the number of days deployed.

Did you recently purchase a home?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRORATED REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES!

Are you a **veteran** or the **surviving spouse of a veteran** with a **service-connected Total & Permanent disability**?

Per FL Statue 196.081(1)(b), you may qualify for a prorated refund of ad valorem property taxes if:

- You recently purchased a home between January 1 and November 1.
- You are a permanent resident of Florida.
- You applied for and were granted the Veterans Total & Permanent Exemption on your newly purchased home in the following tax year.

If you answered YES to all of the above...

You may be eligible for a prorated refund of ad valorem taxes!

Don't leave money on the table.

Contact the Lake County Property Appraisers Office to learn more about your potential eligibility and an explanation of the refund process.

