

Senior, Veteran, and Military Property Tax Benefits

A starting-point guide to benefits that may reduce taxable value or property taxes for eligible owners.

Important: County procedures and annual deadlines can vary. Always confirm the current form, filing method, fee, and due date with the county official responsible for your property.

Benefits for persons age 65 or older

A county or municipality may adopt an additional homestead exemption for eligible residents age 65 or older whose household income does not exceed the annual limitation. Because this benefit depends on local adoption, it is not available in every taxing jurisdiction.

Some local governments may also offer an exemption tied to assessed value for qualifying long-term residents age 65 or older who meet property-value, residency-duration, and income requirements.

- Confirm whether your county and municipality have adopted the benefit.
- Ask which income year and documents are required.
- File the required forms with the county property appraiser by the local deadline.

Veteran and military benefits

- A qualifying veteran with a service-connected disability of 10% or more may be eligible for a reduction in assessed value.
- A qualifying veteran with a service-connected total and permanent disability may be eligible for a total homestead exemption.
- A qualifying veteran age 65 or older with a combat-related disability may be eligible for a percentage discount tied to the disability rating.
- A qualifying deployed service member may be eligible for an exemption based on the percentage of the prior year spent deployed in support of a designated operation.
- Certain benefits may continue for a surviving spouse if statutory requirements are met.

Special homestead rules for service members

A service member may be able to rent a homestead property without abandoning the homestead claim when the absence is connected to military service. A person with written authorization may be able to file on behalf of a service member who cannot file because of a service obligation.

How to apply

Submit the application and supporting documentation to the property appraiser in the county where the property is located. The property appraiser makes the eligibility determination. If denied, the owner may request an informal conference and may file a VAB petition.

Eligibility is fact-specific. Ask the property appraiser for the current application, proof requirements, income limitation, and local ordinance information.

Official resources

[Florida exemption resources](#)

[Current homestead and related exemptions application](#)

[Find your county property appraiser](#)

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