



California DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

The **California Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption** is a benefit designed to provide financial relief to veterans who have service-connected disabilities. This exemption helps eligible veterans or their unmarried surviving spouses reduce or eliminate their property tax burden on their primary residence. The goal is to support disabled veterans by making homeownership more affordable and recognizing their sacrifices. This exemption applies only to owner-occupied homes and does not extend to rental or investment properties.

There are two levels of exemption: the **Basic Exemption** and the **Low-Income Exemption**. As of 2024, the Basic Exemption allows for a **reduction of up to \$161,083** in assessed property value, while the Low-Income Exemption can provide a **reduction of up to \$241,628** for veterans whose annual **household income is below the state-set limit, which is \$72,335** in 2024. These amounts are adjusted annually for inflation. By reducing the assessed value of the property, the exemption significantly lowers the property taxes owed, potentially saving veterans thousands of dollars per year.

To qualify, **veterans must have a 100%**

service-connected disability, be blind in both eyes, or have lost the use of two or more limbs, **as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**. Additionally, the property must be the veteran's **primary residence**. Unmarried surviving spouses of qualified veterans may also be eligible. The exemption is available only for one property at a time, meaning veterans cannot claim it on multiple homes.

Applying for the exemption requires submitting Form **BOE-261-G**, the **Claim for Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption**, to the **county assessor's office where the property is located**. Applicants need to provide proof of disability, such as a VA award letter, along with documentation proving homeownership and residency. The **claim must be filed by February 15** to receive the full exemption for the year, though late applications may still receive a partial benefit. Veterans need to **renew the Low-Income Exemption annually**, but the **Basic Exemption does not require renewal** unless circumstances change.



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