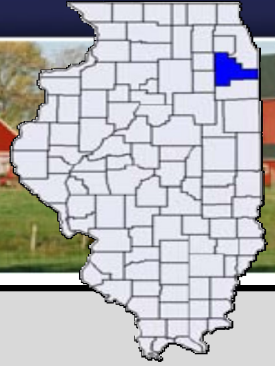




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Please review the right-hand column of your tax bill to see if you are receiving your exemptions.

## PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR VETERANS

### DISABLED VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (PTAX- 342)

**The following qualifications must be met to receive the Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (SHEVD) under 35 ILCS 200/15-169:**

“Be a veteran (i.e., an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty or State active duty, a member of the Illinois National Guard, or a member of the United States Reserve Forces and who has received an honorable discharge.)” Have a service-connected disability of at least 30 percent that is issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Qualifying property must be residential real property (any portion that is used for commercial purposes does not qualify). Own and occupy the property as primary residence on January 1 of the assessment year or lease and occupy a single-family residence on January 1 of the assessment year and be liable for the payment of property taxes. Property’s equalized assessed value (EAV) after state equalization, is less than \$250,000. (Any portion of the property owned by a veteran with a disability that he or she rents to another individual or entity for more than 6 months is presumed to be used for commercial purposes.)

**Public Act 99-0375 increases the exemption amounts in 35 ILCS 200/15-169 and lowers the service-connected disability threshold to qualify for the exemption beginning with the 2015 tax year for property taxes payable in 2016.**

*A reduction in equalized assessed value (EAV) of \$2500 is granted if the percentage of service-connected disability is at least 30 percent but less than 50 percent.*

*A reduction in EAV of \$5000 is granted if the percentage of service disability is at least 50 percent but less than 70 percent.*

*A total exemption from taxes is granted if the percentage of service-connected disability is at least 70 percent.*

### Disabled Veteran’s Homestead Exemption Application Assistance

October 7, 2015: Cantigny VFW Post 367  
826 Horseshoe Dr., Joliet IL 60435  
3:00PM-5:00PM

October 19, 2015: American Legion Post 13  
24741 Renwick Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544  
12:30PM-3:30PM

October 8, 2015: Stone City VFW 2199  
124 Stone City Dr., Joliet, IL 60436  
12:00PM-3:00PM

October 20, 2015: VFW New Lenox Post 9545  
323 Old Hickory Rd., New Lenox, IL 60451  
8:30AM-11:30AM

October 13, 2015: Beecher AMVETS  
532 Gould St., Beecher, IL 60401  
1:00PM-4:00PM

October 21, 2015: American Legion Peotone  
109 E North St., Peotone, IL 60468  
1:00PM-4:00PM

October 14, 2015: VFW Lockport 5788  
1026 E 9TH St., Lockport, IL 60441  
1:00PM-3:00PM

October 23, 2015: American Legion Joliet 1080  
2625 Ingalls Ave., Joliet, IL 60435  
1:00pm-3:00pm

October 15, 2015: VFW Wilmington 5422  
557 W Baltimore St., Wilmington, IL 60481  
12:00PM-3:00PM

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## DISABLED VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PTAX-342 and PTAX-342-R

The Form PTAX-342, Application for the Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (SHEVD), must be filed by the **veteran** along with the following documentation.

1. A current award or verification letter from the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs that shows a service-connected disability rating of at least 30% or greater.
2. Verification of military service that shows the veterans was released from military service with an other than dishonorable discharge; and one of the following.
  - A. *The original or copy certified by the county recorder, recorder of deeds, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, or the National Archives Recorder Center of a From DD 214 or separation of service from the War Department (military service prior to 1950); or a Certification of Military Service Form; or*
  - B. *An Illinois Driver's License or Illinois Personal Identification Card with a Veterans Designation.*



## Obtaining the documentation needed to file the forms PTAX-342 or PTAX-342-R

The form DD 214 or Separation of Service from the War Department (military service prior to 1950); or the Certification of Military Service Form can be obtained through the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the National Archives Record Center. The DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty, can be replaced by the surviving spouse containing their assigned Casualty Assistance Officer of the Casualty Office of the veteran's branch of service.

*The Verification Letter for the veteran's service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs can be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000; or by visiting the Veterans E-Benefits Account website at [ebenefits.va.gov](http://ebenefits.va.gov). The local Veteran's Service Office can also provide assistance with obtaining the verification letter.*

*Illinois Drivers License or Illinois Identification Card is available through the Secretary of State. The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the veteran's military service and that the veteran received an "Honorable" or "General under Honorable Conditions" discharge before issuance by the Office of the Secretary of State. The issuance of this card began July 1, 2015 so many veterans may not yet have the card.*



## RETURNING VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PTAX-341

The Returning Veteran's Homestead Exemption provides a \$5000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the veteran's principal residence for two consecutive assessment (tax) years, the tax year and the following year that the veteran returns from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the United States. The veteran must own and occupy the property as his or her principal residence on January 1 of each assessment year.

To file for a Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption you will need the original Form DD 214 (or a copy certificated by the county recorder, recorder of deeds, IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, or the Nat'l Archives Record Center). If you are still on active duty after returning home, you must provide Form DD 220 or military orders and travel voucher stating that you are returning from an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S. within the tax year that you are requesting this exemption.