

CLAUSE 22

Tax Exemption For Qualifying Veterans

The amount of this exemption varies between \$400.00 and a total exemption, depending upon the wartime service connected disability. An applicant must provide to the Assessor certification of a wartime service connected disability from the Veterans Administration or the branch of service from which they separated. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Veterans with a wartime service connected disability of 10% or more as determined by the VA.
2. Veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross.
3. Gold Star mothers and fathers
4. Spouses and surviving spouses of veterans so long as they remain unmarried.
5. Surviving Spouses of World War I veterans so long as they remain unmarried.
6. Veterans who suffered in the line of duty the loss or permanent loss of use of one foot or one hand or one eye.
7. Veterans who suffered in the line of duty the loss or permanent loss of use of both feet, both hands, or both eyes.
8. Veterans who suffered total disability in the line of duty.
9. Veterans' spouses (who do not remarry) of soldiers and sailors who died in combat at the island of Quemoy and Matsu.
10. Veterans who are certified by the VA as paraplegic.

Wartime service is defined as service performed by a "Spanish War veteran," a "World War I or World War II veteran," a "Korean veteran," a "Vietnam veteran," a "Lebanese peace keeping force veteran," a "Grenada rescue mission veteran," a "Panamanian intervention force veteran," a "Persian Gulf veteran," or a member of the "WAAC."

An individual must have been a Massachusetts resident for at least 6 months prior to entering the service or have resided in Massachusetts for 5 consecutive years prior to filing for exemption. Said real estate must be occupied in whole or in part as his/her domicile. If you have any questions call the Assessors Office 978-356-6603.