

Checklist for
**Pennsylvania Real Estate Tax Exemption
for Disabled Veterans**

Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission is happy to provide you with this convenient checklist for your Real Estate Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans application.

If you would like assistance gathering these documents, or have questions, please call one of our benefits advisors at **(215) 686-3256**.

Where to Apply:

Contact the County Veterans' Affairs Director in the county you reside to apply for this program. See list included with this checklist.

Veteran's eligibility criteria:

- Served in the military honorably
- Served during established war service dates (DOC) as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs **The following decorations can also be used to establish wartime service: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Navy Expeditionary Medal.
- Must have a total or 100% permanent service-connected disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or as the result of military service the veteran is blind or paraplegic or has sustained the loss of two or more limbs
- Blind: Visual acuity of three-sixtieths or ten two-hundredths, or less normal Vision

- Paraplegic: The bilateral paralysis of the upper or lower extremities of the body
- Must be a resident of the Commonwealth
- Must occupy the real estate as his/her principal dwelling
- Dwelling is owned solely by the veteran or as an estate in the entirety

The Following is Needed:

- Veteran must prove financial need according to the criteria established by the State Veterans Commission if their annual income exceeds \$88,607, effective Jan. 1, 2017
- Applicants with an annual income of \$88,607 or less are given a rebuttable presumption to have a need for the exemption

***Upon the death of a qualified veteran, tax exemption may pass on to the unmarried surviving spouse if financial need can be shown.*



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