

PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION CLAIM BY VETERAN OR SURVIVING SPOUSE/SURVIVING CIVIL UNION PARTNER/SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNER OF VETERAN OR SERVICEPERSON

IMPORTANT File this completed claim with your municipal tax assessor or collector. (See instructions on reverse.)

1. CLAIMANT NAME

Name of claimant owner
CLAIMED PROPERTY LOCATION

Street Address
Unit #, if Co-op
Phone #

County
Municipality

Block
Lot
Qualifier

Mailing Address if different than Claimed Property Location

3. YEAR OF DEDUCTION This deduction is claimed for the tax year (indicate tax year).

4. VETERAN/SURVIVING SPOUSE/SURVIVING CIVIL UNION PARTNER/SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNER OF VETERAN OR SERVICEPERSON

- (Choose A, B, or C)
A. [] Honorably discharged veteran with active wartime service in the United States Armed Forces. ATTACH copy DD214.
B. [] Surviving spouse/surviving civil union partner/surviving domestic partner of honorably discharged veteran with active wartime service in the United States Armed Forces; and
C. [] I have not remarried/formed a new civil union partnership or a new registered domestic partnership. ATTACH copy DD214 if not previously provided by veteran claimant.
[] Surviving spouse/surviving civil union partner/surviving domestic partner of serviceperson who died on wartime active duty in the United States Armed Forces; and
[] I have not remarried/formed a new civil union or a new registered domestic partnership. ATTACH copy Military Notification of Death.

5. ACTIVE WARTIME SERVICE PERIOD (Check All Applicable Service Periods)

- **A. [] Operation Northern/Southern Watch
**B. [] Operation Iraqi Freedom
**C. [] Operation Enduring Freedom
**D. [] "Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard" - Bosnia & Herzegovina
**E. [] "Restore Hope" Mission - Somalia
**F. [] Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Mission
**G. [] Panama Peacekeeping Mission
**H. [] Grenada Peacekeeping Mission
**I. [] Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission
**J. [] Vietnam Conflict
**K. [] Lebanon Crisis of 1958
**L. [] Korean Conflict
**M. [] World War II

**NOTE - Peacekeeping Missions require a minimum of 14 days service in the actual combat zone except where service-incurred injury or disability occurs in the combat zone, then actual time served, though less than 14 days, is sufficient for purposes of property tax deduction. The 14 day requirement for Bosnia and Herzegovina may be met by service in one or both operations for 14 days continuously or in aggregate. For Bosnia and Herzegovina combat zone also includes the airspace above those nations.

6. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

[] If, the above named claimant, owned, wholly or in part on (dead date) the property above identified. Property must be owned as of October 1 of the pretax year, i.e., the year prior to the tax year for which deduction is claimed. For example, where deduction is claimed for tax year 2006, ownership criterion must be met as of pretax year October 1, 2005.

**Complete 6a only if partial owners of claimed property

6a. Name(s) of part owner(s)
**Complete 6b only if claimed property is a Cooperative or Mutual Housing Corporation in which you're a Tenant-Shareholder.

6b. Corporation Name of Cooperative or Mutual Housing

Co-Op/M.H. Corp. Street Address
Municipality State
[] Co-op
[] Mutual Housing Corp.

Net Property Tax Amount for Unit

7. CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCY (Complete A or B)

- A. [] If, the above claimant veteran, was a citizen and legal or domiciliary resident of New Jersey as of October 1 of the pretax year.
B. [] If, the above claimant surviving spouse/surviving civil union partner/surviving domestic partner, was a citizen and legal or domiciliary resident of New Jersey as of October 1 of the pretax year; and
[] My deceased veteran or serviceperson spouse/civil union partner/domestic partner was a citizen and resident of New Jersey at death.

8. TAX DEDUCTION OTHER PROPERTY

[] I am not receiving a Veteran's Property Tax Deduction on any other property for the same tax year except as indicated here:

Street Address
Municipality

For assistance in documenting veterans' status, contact the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at (609) 530-6854 or US Veterans Administration at 1-800-827-1000.

I certify the above declarations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand they will be considered as if made under oath and subject to penalties for perjury if falsified.

Signature of Claimant
Date

OFFICIAL USE ONLY - Block
Lot Approved in amount of \$
[] Veteran [] Surviving Spouse/Surviving Civil Union Partner [] Veteran or [] Serviceperson Assessor/Collector
Date

FORM VSS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION FILING PERIOD - File this claim with the municipal tax assessor from October 1 through December 31 of the pretax year, i.e., the year prior to the calendar tax year or with the municipal tax collector from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar tax year. For example, for a property tax deduction claimed for calendar tax year 2006, the pretax year filing period would be October 1 - December 31, 2005 with the assessor and the tax year filing period would be January 1 - December 31, 2006 with the collector.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - All requirements for deduction must be met as of October 1 of the pretax year, i.e., the year prior to the calendar tax year for which the deduction is claimed.

A. Veteran Claimant as of October 1 pretax year must:

1. have had active wartime service in United States Armed Forces and been honorably discharged;
2. own the property, wholly or in part, or hold legal title to the property for which deduction is claimed;
3. be a citizen and legal or domiciliary resident of New Jersey.

B. Surviving Spouse/Surviving Civil Union Partner/Surviving Domestic Partner Claimant as of October 1 pretax year must:

1. document that the deceased veteran or serviceperson was a citizen and resident of New Jersey at death who had active wartime service in the United States Armed Forces and who was honorably discharged or who died on active wartime duty;
2. not have remarried/formed a new civil union or/a new registered domestic partnership;
3. be a legal or domiciliary resident of New Jersey;
4. own the property, wholly or in part, or hold legal title to the property for which deduction is claimed.

NOTE **Claimants must inform the assessor of any change in status which may affect their continued entitlement to the deduction.

VETERAN DEFINED - means any New Jersey citizen and resident honorably discharged from active wartime service in the United States Armed Forces. Current statute does not provide for deduction for military personnel still in active service who have not been discharged.

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ACTIVE SERVICE TIME OF WAR DEFINED - means military service during one or more of the specific periods listed under #5 on front of this VSS Claim.

CITIZEN & RESIDENT DEFINED - United States Citizenship is not required. Resident for purposes of this deduction means an individual who is legally domiciled in New Jersey. Domicile is the place you regard as your permanent home - the place you intend to return to after a period of absence. You may have only one legal domicile even though you may have more than one place of residence. Seasonal or temporary residence in this State, of whatever duration, does not constitute domicile. Absence from the State for a 12 month period is prima facie evidence of abandonment of domicile.

SURVIVING SPOUSE/SURVIVING CIVIL UNION PARTNER/SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNER DEFINED - means the lawful widow or widower/ civil union partner/domestic partner of a qualified New Jersey resident veteran or serviceperson, who has not remarried/formed a new civil union/or a new registered domestic partnership.

NOTE**A surviving spouse/surviving civil union partner/surviving domestic partner though a New Jersey resident himself/herself is not entitled to deduction if the deceased veteran/serviceperson spouse/partner at death was not a New Jersey resident.

DOCUMENTARY PROOFS REQUIRED - Each assessor and collector may require such proofs necessary to establish claimant's deduction entitlement and photocopies of any documents should be attached to this claim as part of application record.

MILITARY RECORDS Certificate of Honorable Discharge or Release, Form DD214, or Military Notification of Death or Certification of United States Veteran's Administration.

SURVIVING SPOUSE/SURVIVING CIVIL UNION PARTNER/SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNER Death Certificate of decedent, marriage license/civil union license/domestic partnership registration certificate.

OWNERSHIP real property, deed, executory contract for property purchase; or Last Will and Testament if by devise or if intestate or without a will give names and relationships of decedent's heirs-at-law.

RESIDENCY New Jersey driver's license or motor vehicle registration, voter's registration, etc.

APPEALS - A claimant may appeal any unfavorable determination by the assessor or collector to the County Board of Taxation annually on or before April 1.

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