

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Will the state have a lien on my property if I accept tax relief?

NO. The state has no lien due to property tax relief you may receive.

### Are tax relief recipients exempt from paying property taxes?

NO. Tax relief is payment by the State of Tennessee to reimburse certain homeowners who meet the legal requirements, for a part or all of property taxes paid, and is not an exemption. You will still receive your tax bill(s) and be responsible for paying your property taxes each year.

### How much tax relief will I get?

The amount will vary depending on your property assessment and your county or city tax rate.

### What if my taxes are paid by my mortgage company?

Your application will be held by the collecting official until payment is received from your mortgage company. The application is then mailed to the state tax relief office. If approved, you will receive a state check for the relief amount.

### Can I receive relief on more than one property?

NO. You can only receive tax relief on your primary residence in any given tax year.

### What happens next year if I am approved for tax relief?

You will receive a property tax relief voucher when you receive your property tax bill(s). You will need to present the voucher to the collecting official(s) before the deadline date along with payment of any balance due.

Also see the brochure for eligible

**ELDERLY OR  
DISABLED  
HOMEOWNERS**



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**Disabled Veteran  
Homeowner**

# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

## 2009



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DIVISION OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A DISABLED VETERAN

- ◆ Your disability must meet one of the following categories:
  - A service-connected disability that resulted in:
    - ✓ Paraplegia **OR**
    - ✓ Permanent paralysis of both legs and lower part of the body resulting from traumatic injury or disease to the spinal cord or brain; **OR**
    - ✓ Loss, or loss of use of, two (2) or more limbs; **OR**
    - ✓ Legal blindness
  - A **total and permanent** disability rating from a service-connected disability.
  - A 100% total and permanent disability rating from being a prisoner of war.
- ◆ Must own and use property on which you apply as your primary residence. The value of your property does not determine whether you can apply; however the maximum market value on which tax relief is calculated will be on the first \$175,000. If your residence is a mobile home, a copy of your title or bill of sale is required.

✓ Determination of eligibility for either of these categories will be made based on information provided by the VA through use of consent forms **(F-16) for a Disabled Veteran** or **(F-16S) for a Widow(er) of a Disabled Veteran** available at the county or city collecting officials' office.

**You may contact the VA office at  
1-800-827-1000**

## WHERE DO I APPLY ?

Contact your county trustee to apply. If your property is within city limits, you may also contact your city collecting official to apply.

## IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT

**COUNTY TRUSTEE'S OFFICE  
OR  
CITY COLLECTING OFFICIAL'S OFFICE**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A WIDOW(ER) OF A DISABLED VETERAN

- ◆ Property tax relief shall also be extended to the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who at the time of the disabled veteran's death was eligible for disabled veteran's property tax relief by meeting one of the following categories:
  - A service-connected disability that resulted in:
    - ✓ Paraplegia **OR**
    - ✓ Permanent paralysis of both legs and lower part of the body resulting from traumatic injury or disease to the spinal cord or brain; **OR**
    - ✓ Loss, or loss of use of, two (2) or more limbs; **OR**
    - ✓ Legal blindness
  - A **total and permanent** disability rating from a service-connected disability.
  - A 100% total and permanent disability rating from being a prisoner of war.
  - Death resulting from a service-connected, combat-related cause or KIA (combat-related).
- ◆ Must provide a copy of spouse's death certificate.
- ◆ Must provide a form of personal ID such as your social security card, driver's license, or military ID.
- ◆ Must own and use property on which you apply as your primary residence. The value of your property does not determine whether you can apply; however the maximum market value on which tax relief is calculated will be on the first \$175,000. If your residence is a mobile home, a copy of your title or bill of sale is required.
- ◆ A surviving spouse must have been married to the veteran at the time of death and may not have remarried in order to be eligible.

## WHEN DO I APPLY ?

You may apply beginning when you receive your 2009 county and/or city property tax bill. The deadline to apply is 35 days after the jurisdiction's delinquency date. Taxes must be paid by this time also.

## INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT

**STATE TAX RELIEF OFFICE PHONE NUMBER  
(615) 747-8871**

Or visit us on the web at

<http://www.tn.gov/comptroller/pa/patxr.htm>