



Santa Fe County Office of the Assessor

Gus Martinez, Assessor

Veteran & Disabled Veteran Exemption

I am hopeful that this brief explanation has helped you understand the process of applying for the Veteran's or Disabled Veteran's exemption. One of my goals as Assessor is to keep the public informed and ensure fair and equitable assessments. If you have any questions please call our office at the number below.

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Assessor's Office**
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Website Link

What is a Veteran & Disabled Veteran Exemption?

The Veteran's Exemption is a \$4,000 reduction in your taxable value (NMSA 7-37-5). The Disabled Veteran's exemption is a 100% exemption from property tax (NMSA 7-37-5.1) on the Veteran's primary residence up to 5 acres of land. Both may be claimed by any honorably discharged Veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse of the Veteran.

Who is Eligible?

- Eligibility is determined by the New Mexico Department of Veteran's Services and a Certificate of Eligibility will be issued.
- Once you receive the certificate, you must present it along with the completed form (see back) to the Assessor's office in person to apply for the exemption. Once the exemption is claimed and allowed, it shall apply to subsequent years as long as there is no change in eligibility or ownership status. If you have claimed the exemption with the Motor Vehicle Division, you must come into the Assessor's office and report it, as only the remaining portion of the exemption will be allowed.



To All Veterans and Unmarried Surviving Spouse of Veterans:

The state constitution was amended in November 2004 to expand the eligibility requirements to all veterans who may be eligible for the veteran exemption. Call the Department of Veteran Services Toll Free at 866-433-8387 or locally at 505-827-6300 with eligibility questions.

Deadline to Apply

To qualify, you must submit the Certificate of Eligibility and the required application to the office of the Assessor no later than 30 days after the mailing of the Assessor's official "Notice of Value." The "Notice" is typically mailed out on or around April 1 of each year. Applications are available in our office and on our website.

Owners must report any change in eligibility to the County Assessor.

www.santafecountynm.gov/assessor



**OFFICE OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY ASSESSOR
GUS MARTINEZ, ASSESSOR
VETERAN'S EXEMPTION & AFFIRMATION FORM
505-986-6300**

Thank you for your service to our country, you are greatly appreciated!

Information and how to apply: The Veteran's Exemption is a \$4,000 reduction in your taxable value and the Disabled Veteran's exemption is a 100% exemption from property taxes. Both may be claimed by any honorably discharged veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse. The New Mexico Department of Veteran's Services determines eligibility and a Certificate of Eligibility will be issued. Once you receive the certificate, you must present it along with this completed form to the Assessor's office in person to apply for the exemption. Once the exemption is claimed and allowed, it shall apply to subsequent years as long as there is no change in eligibility or ownership status. If you have claimed the exemption with the Motor Vehicle Division, you must come into the Assessor's office and report it, as only the remaining portion of the exemption will be allowed. You do not need to sign and return the form if you are already receiving the exemption.

Please call the New Mexico Department of Veteran's Services at (505) 827-6300 to ensure that you have all the correct documents necessary in order to receive your Certificate of Eligibility.

Exemption Year _____ Account# _____ Phone# _____

Owner Name: _____

Mailing Address _____

Veteran Exemption

I hereby certify that I am a New Mexico resident as of January 1, of this year, and a "Veteran" as that term is defined in Section 7-37-5 of the Property Tax Code, that I have filed with the county assessor a certificate of eligibility for the veteran exemption from the Veterans' Service Commission, and that I claim the exemption from the taxable value of the property owned by me.

X _____
Veteran or Unmarried Surviving Spouse of Veteran Certificate #

State of New Mexico, Santa Fe County:

AFFIRMATION

I do solemnly affirm to the best of my knowledge that the statements on this form completed and signed by me and the preceding list and description are full and correct statements of all property required to be reported pursuant to Section 7-38-8 of the Property Tax Code, in this County on January 1 and all statements required to be made under the Property Tax Code, and I so affirm under pains and penalties of perjury.

X _____
Property Owner or Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____

County Assessor or Assessor's Employee