

ABOUT THE PROGRAM



Disabled veterans and surviving spouses who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from all or part of:

- Real estate taxes
- Solid waste fee

In addition, disabled veterans may qualify for relief on:

- Annual license fee
- Personal property tax

Surviving spouses include those:

- Of disabled veterans
- Of members of the U.S. Armed Forces killed in action
- Of certain persons, defined in the Code of Virginia, killed in the line of duty

Personal Property Tax Relief

Disabled veterans may be granted relief from the vehicle license fee and personal property tax* on one pick-up truck or automobile owned and used primarily by or for a qualifying disabled veteran. There is no income or net worth criteria for disabled veterans personal property tax relief.

*Leased vehicles do not qualify for tax relief.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications for these programs are available online at pwcva.gov/finance or at the Real Estate Assessments Office.

All information pertaining to total income and net worth is confidential and not open for public inspection.

For additional eligibility criteria, please contact the Real Estate Assessments Office.



Prince William County Real Estate Assessments Office

4379 Ridgewood Center Drive, #203
Prince William, Virginia 22192

Telephone: 703-792-6780 • Fax: 703-792-4025
TTY: 703-792-6293

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Tax Relief Programs Guide

DISABLED VETERANS & SURVIVING SPOUSES



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Disabled Veterans

Disabled veterans who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from real estate taxes on a home, up to one acre of land it occupies and the solid waste fee.

Relief will be prorated for applicants who become disabled or purchase a home after January 1, 2024.

There is no income or net worth criteria for disabled veterans real estate tax relief.

Surviving Spouse of Disabled Veteran

The surviving spouse of a veteran eligible for the exemption shall also qualify for the exemption under the following criteria:

- The death of the veteran occurred on or after January 1, 2011.
- The surviving spouse does not remarry.
- The surviving spouse continues to occupy the real property as their principal place of residence.

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Provide one document from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that includes the effective date indicating that the veteran was determined to be 100% service connected, permanently and totally disabled.
- Veterans determined to be less than 100 percent disabled but compensated at the 100 percent rate and service connected, permanently and totally disabled, may also qualify.
- Own and occupy the home as his/her principal place of residence.
- Provide copies of 2023 Federal and State income tax returns including all schedules.

Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Forces Killed in Action

Surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action who meet certain criteria may be granted relief from all or part of the real estate taxes on a home, up to one acre of land it occupies and the solid waste fee.

There is no income or net worth criteria for this real estate tax relief.

To qualify, the applicant must:

- Provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Defense indicating the date that the member of the armed forces of the United States was killed in action;
- Provide a copy of their marriage certificate;
- Not have remarried; and
- Own and occupy the property as his/her principal place of residence.

Surviving Spouses of Certain Persons Killed in the Line of Duty

Surviving spouses of certain persons killed in the line of duty may be granted relief from all or part of real estate taxes on a home, up to one acre of land it occupies and the solid waste fee.

There is no income or net worth criteria for this real estate tax relief.

To qualify, the applicant must:

- Not have remarried; and
- Own and occupy the property as his/her principal place of residence.

To qualify, the applicant must provide the following:

- A copy of their marriage certificate;
- Documentation from the Virginia Retirement System or from the state comptroller for the Virginia Department of Accounts stating that they are the spouse and the beneficiary of death-in-service benefits of an eligible person killed in the line of duty; and
- The date that the covered person died.

Exemption Amount for Surviving Spouses of Those Killed in Action or the Line of Duty

If the parcel of land your home occupies is one acre or less and the total assessed value is:

- Not more than \$546,000, the property will be completely exempt from real estate taxes.
- More than \$546,000, the portion of the total assessed value that exceeds \$546,000 will be taxed.

If the parcel of land your home occupies is more than one acre and the total assessed value of your home and one acre of land is:

- Not more than \$546,000, the assessed value of the additional acreage will be taxed.
- More than \$546,000 the portion of the assessed value of the home and one acre that exceeds \$546,000 AND the assessed value of the additional acreage will be taxed.

