

TOWN OF BEDFORD
OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR



FACT SHEET ON PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS

There are three different property tax exemptions available to veterans, which is anyone who served in active duty and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces, which includes the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

Alternative Veteran:

Active duty veterans who served during a period of war or received an expeditionary medal. Additional exemptions can be granted if the Veteran served in a combat zone and/or has a service connected disability rating. Westchester County and the Town of Bedford adopted this exemption at the highest limits allowed by law which applies to County/Town taxes. Katonah-Lewisboro School District adopted this exemption beginning in 2015 for 2016 taxes. Bedford Central School District adopted this exemption beginning in 2016 for 2017 taxes. No application or action is necessary if already receiving the Alternative Veteran's Exemption.

Cold War Veteran:

Active duty veterans who served during the Cold War. An additional exemption can be granted if the Veteran has a service connected disability rating. Westchester County and the Town of Bedford adopted this exemption but t different limits. Exemption applies to County/Town taxes but NOT school taxes.

Eligible Funds Veterans:

Active duty veterans already receiving the eligible funds exemption who purchased their home with pension, bonus, or insurance monies, referred to as eligible funds. Westchester County and the Town of Bedford adopted this exemption. This exemption applies to County/Town taxes only. However, eligible funds veterans may apply for the Alternative Veteran's exemption separately for school tax purposes. This one-time application must be completed, signed and submitted to the Assessor's Office by June 1st. Also, the Veteran has the option to switch to the Alternative Veteran's exemption for County/Town tax purposes.

Veteran's Exemption Requirements:

Both the primary residence and legal title of the property must be in the name of the:

- The Veteran or spouse or both or unremarried surviving spouse
- Gold Star Parent, if allowed by the community
- Veteran, spouse, unremarried surviving spouse or Gold Star parent is a trustee or beneficiary of the trust or is the life tenant of the property.

For further information or to verify your Veteran's Exemption, please contact the Assessor's Office by June 1st at (914)-666-5149 or by email at Assessor@Bedfordny.gov