

1. **APPLICATION FILING PERIOD** - File this form with the municipal tax assessor at any time during the tax year. Partial or prorated exemption is permitted for the remainder of any taxable year from the date ownership or title to the dwelling house is acquired provided all other eligibility requirements are met. For example, where application is filed on June 1st of the tax year for exemption on a dwelling house acquired on February 14th of the tax year, the assessed value is to be prorated for taxation purposes so that 44/365th's of the total assessment would be taxable and 321/365th's would be exempt.

2. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. **Disabled Veteran Claimant** (must meet all 5 requirements)

1. have had active war time service in United States Armed Forces and been honorably discharged;
 2. have a United States Veterans Administration certification of wartime service-connected disability as described under #5 on front of this DVSSSE Claim;
 3. wholly or partially own or hold legal title to the dwelling house for which exemption is claimed;
 4. occupy the dwelling house as the principal residence;
 5. be a citizen and legal or domiciliary resident of New Jersey.

- B. **Surviving Spouse/Civil Union or Domestic Partner Claimant** (must meet all 6 requirements)

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. document that the deceased veteran had V. A. certified wartime service-connected disability;
 3. not have remarried/formed a new registered civil union or domestic partnership;
 4. wholly or partially own or hold legal title to the claimed dwelling house;
 5. occupy the dwelling house as the principal residence;
 6. be a citizen and legal or domiciliary resident of New Jersey.

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

3. **DWELLING HOUSE & CURTIAGE DEFINED** - dwelling house means any one-family building or structure or unit in a horizontal property regime or condominium or multiple-family building or structure on that portion occupied by the claimant as his legal residence including any outhouses or appurtenances used for the dwelling's fair enjoyment. Curtilage means the enclosed space of ground and buildings immediately surrounding the dwelling house and enjoyed with it for its more convenient occupation.

4. **DISABILITY DEFINED** - means a wartime service-connected disability as described under #5 on front of this claim and certified as such by the United States Veterans Administration.

5. **VETERAN DEFINED** - means any New Jersey citizen and resident honorably discharged from active wartime service in the United States Armed Forces. For assistance in documenting veterans' status, contact the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at (609) 530-6958 or (609) 530-6854. The United States Veterans Administration can be reached at 1-800-827-1000.

6. **SURVIVING SPOUSE/CIVIL UNION OR DOMESTIC PARTNER DEFINED** - means the lawful widow or widower/civil union or domestic partner of a disabled veteran or serviceperson who has not remarried/formed a new registered civil union or domestic partnership.

7. **ACTIVE SERVICE TIME OF WAR DEFINED** - means military service during one or more of the specific periods listed under #4 on front of this claim. Active duty for training or field training purposes as a member of a reserve component does NOT constitute active service time of war unless activated into Federal military service by Presidential or Congressional order.

8. **CITIZEN AND RESIDENT DEFINED** - United States Citizenship is not required. Resident for purposes of this exemption 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.

9. **DOCUMENTARY PROOFS REQUIRED** - Each assessor may require such proofs necessary to establish claimant's exemption entitlement and photocopies of any documents should be attached to DVSSSE Claim as part of the application record.

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

DISABILITY Veterans Administration Certification of Disability.

SURVIVING SPOUSE/CIVIL UNION OR DOMESTIC PARTNER Death Certificate of Decedent, marriage license/civil union or 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.

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

 This form is prescribed by the New Jersey Division of Taxation, as required by law, and may be reproduced for distribution, but may not be altered without prior approval.

SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

This form is in addition to the Form DD-214,

Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge,
where the DD-214 is not specific about participation in a Peacekeeping Mission.

All Peacekeeping Missions have the added provision that the Veteran **must** have one of the following types of service for a total of 14 days. The 14 day requirement is waived where a service injury was received in a combat zone in favor of actual time served in a combat zone though less than 14 days.

1. Service in the specific country for the Peacekeeping Mission, OR
2. Service on board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of the specific country for the Peacekeeping Mission, OR ~~if~~
3. Service in the airspace above the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

If Active Wartime Service Period indicated on Form V.S.S., Veteran/or Surviving Spouse/Surviving Civil Union Partner/Surviving Domestic Partner of a Veteran or Serviceperson. Claim For Property Tax Deduction or Form D.V.S.S.E., Claim For Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse/Surviving Civil Union Partner/Surviving Domestic Partner of Disabled Veteran or Serviceperson is a Peacekeeping Mission, please provide the following information regarding that service:

1. CLAIMANT NAME

Name Of Claimant Owner

2. CLAIMED PROPERTY LOCATION

Street Address	Unit #, if Co-Op	Telephone Number
County	Municipality	
Block	Lot	Qualifier

Mailing Address if different from Claimed Property Location

3. SERVICE IN THE SPECIFIC COUNTRY

Name of the Country _____

Actual Dates of Service in the Combat Zone _____

4. SERVICE ON BOARD A SHIP

Name of the Vessel _____

Name of Territorial Waters Patrolled _____

Actual Dates of Service Patrolling the Waters _____

5. SERVICE IN AIRSPACE

Name of the Country _____

Actual Dates of Service in Combat Airspace _____

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

Additional proofs for the requirement of Active Wartime Service may be:

1. Military Certificate indicating your participation in the Mission and the actual dates of service.
2. Deployment Orders
3. Pay stubs indicating endangerment pay for the time period required.
4. Letter from Military Officer on official letterhead indicating the location, date and type of service.
5. Any other official document to support your claim.