

## Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit

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Beginning January 1, 2024, taxpayers are eligible to claim a Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit. The first opportunity to claim this credit will be on a 2024 WV income tax return, filed in 2025, for all timely paid property taxes made on qualifying real property in the 2024 calendar year. The same rules will apply for all following years.

## Who Qualifies? Disabled Veteran Homeowners

## What Qualifies? Residential Homesteads

To ensure that you qualify for the Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit, you will have to:

- File your homestead exemption form with your County Assessor timely. For individuals that means before October 1.
- 2. Pay your real property taxes <u>timely</u>. That means the first half of the assessment must be paid before October 1 and the second half before April 1.

Location and contact information on your County Assessor can be found at <u>tax.wv.gov</u>.

Only eligible veterans who are <u>owners</u> of a homestead which is used or occupied exclusively for residential purposes may claim the Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Credit. The credit is only available for the actual tax paid.

With the passage of HB 125 in the 1st Special Session, taxpayers will not be penalized if they pay the second half of their ticket in 2023 because it is still considered due in 2024 and therefore timely paid.

Disabled Veteran Homeowners	Honorably discharged veterans from <i>any</i> branch of the U.S Armed Services who are considered 90-100% disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information on your benefits status or discharge records, <u>visit www.va.gov</u> .
Residential Homesteads	A single family residential house, including a mobile or manufactured or modular home, and the land surrounding such structure; or a mobile or manufactured or modular home regardless of whether the land upon which such mobile or manufactured or modular home is situated is owned or leased.
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Taxpayers that do not owe WV income taxes and are not required to file a WV income tax return will be able to file a claim for a rebate in early 2025 of their real property taxes paid.

Continue to check <u>tax.wv.gov</u> for more information and form requirements as they become available.

## For more information, you can:

- Call a Taxpayer Services Representative at (304) 558-3333 or toll-free at (800) 982-8297
- Email taxhelp@wv.gov
- Go Online to tax.wv.gov