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Will County Supervisor of **Assessments** 

son, you might be eligible for a money-saving exemption. The Supervisor of Assessments is responsible for administering the following exemptions:

- **GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**
- SENIOR CITIZENS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
- SENIOR CITIZENS' ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
- **DISABLED PERSONS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION**
- DISABLED VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
- RETURNING VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you think you are missing an exemption to which you are entitled, please contact the Supervisor of Assessments Office or your local Township Assessor. For exemption applications and more detailed information about any or all of these exemptions, visit our Website.

### GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Homestead property (residential property that is occupied by its owner as his/her principal dwelling place) is entitled to an annual homestead exemption of \$6,000.

If your tax bill is missing the General Homestead Exemption, please contact your local Township Assessor.

# SENIOR CITIZEN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (PTAX-324)

Provides an annual assessment reduction in the home's equalized assessed value (EAV) of \$5,000. To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older during the assessment year, own or have legal or equitable interest in the property occupied as your principal residence during the assessment year, and be liable for payment of the property taxes.

To file for a Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption you need:

- a copy of your Illinois drivers license **OR** Illinois State ID **OR** birth certificate
- a copy of your current Tax Bill **OR** your P.I.N. (property index number)



## SENIOR CITIZENS ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (PTAX – 340)

Allows qualified senior citizens to have their home's equalized assessed value (EAV) "frozen" at the base year value and prevents increases due to inflation. (The tax rate is not frozen.) To qualify for the 2019 tax year (payable in 2020) you must be 65 or older in 2019; your **total** household income in 2018 was \$65,000 or less and on January 1, 2018 **and** January 1, 2019 you used the property as your principal place of residence; you own or have legal or equitable interest in the property or a leasehold interest in

the property used as a single-family residence; and you are liable for the payment of property taxes. You do **not** qualify for this exemption if your property is assessed under the mobile home privilege tax.

To file for a Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption you will need to use the front page of your 2018 IRS 1040 and your 2018 Social Security 1099 while completing the application. If you did not file a 2018 IRS 1040, use the 2018 Social Security 1099 and **ALL** other household income verification for 2018.

## **DISABLED PERSONS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (PTAX-343)**

Provides an annual \$2,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the property owned and occupied by the disabled person. To qualify you must be disabled or become disabled during the assessment year, own or have legal or equitable interest in the property or a leasehold interest of a single-family residence, occupy the property as your principal place of residence on January 1st of the assessment year, and be liable for payment of the property taxes.



To file for a Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption you will need *one* of the following:

- Class 2 or 2A Illinois Disabled Person ID from the Sec of State's office. (Note: Class 1 or 1A does NOT qualify.)
- Proof of SSA disability benefits. This includes a current award letter, verification letter or annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) letter (ONLY form SSA-4926-SM-DI). If under age 65 receiving SSI disability, proof includes a letter indicating SSI payments (SSA-L8151, SSA-L8155, or SSA-L8156).
- Proof of Veterans' Admin disability benefits, which includes a current award letter or verification letter indicating you are receiving a pension for a non-service connected disability.
- Proof of Railroad or Civil Service disability benefits in an award letter or verification letter of total (100%) disability.

If you cannot provide any of the above listed, submit to the IL Dept. of Revenue a form PTAX 343-A Physician's Statement.) You may be required to be re-examined by an IDOR physician and may be responsible for any costs incurred by your examination.

#### **DISABLED VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (PTAX-342)**

Provides an annual reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the primary residence occupied by a disabled veteran on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the assessment year or on a prorated basis during the time of occupancy for the assessment year. A veteran with 70% -100% service connected disability will receive an annual decrease in their assessed value to Zero (0), when the EAV is \$250,000 or less. A veteran with 50%-60% service connected disability will receive an annual \$5,000 reduction in EAV. A Veteran with 30%-40% service connected disability will receive an annual \$2500 reduction in EAV. To qualify you must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of U.S. Armed Forces on active duty or state active duty, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces, and not dishonorably discharged.

To file for a Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemption you will need a **current** disability certification letter from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. You will also need one of the following documents (original or a copy certificated by the County Recorder of Deeds, IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, or the Nat'l Archives Record Center): DD 214 or separation of service from the war dept. (military service prior to 1950); or Certification of Military Service Form.



#### RETURNING VETERANS' HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (PTAX-341)

The Returning Veteran's Homestead Exemption provides a \$5000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the veteran's principal residence for two consecutive assessment (tax) years, the tax year and the following year that the veteran returns from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the United States. The veteran must own and occupy the property as his or her principal residence on January 1 of each assessment year.

To file for a Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption you will need the original Form DD 214 (or a copy certificated by the County Recorder of Deeds, IL Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, or the Nat'l Archives Record Center). If you are still on active duty after returning home, you must provide Form DD 220 or military orders and travel voucher stating that you are returning from an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S. within the tax year that you are requesting this exemption.