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## Additional Homestead Exemption

For Certain Disabled Veterans and their Surviving Spouse

### Requirements:

- **Disabled Veteran**
  - Must currently own and reside in the property for which the exemption is being applied, **AND**
  - Must have a service-connected disability rating of 100%, verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
  
- **Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran**
  - Must currently own and reside in the property for which the additional exemption is being applied, **AND**
  - The Disabled Veteran must have qualified for the additional exemption prior to their death

Proof of Service-Connected Disability rating must be provided at the time the Additional Homestead Exemption For Certain Disabled Veterans is applied for.

Acceptable proof will be a **"Permanent and Total Letter"** issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To request this letter, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at **1(800)827-1000** or online at [www.ebenefits.va.gov/](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/)

If you can not get a "Permanent and Total Letter", please visit the State of Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs at 730 Washington Street Alexandria, LA or contact them at 1(318)487-5743 to request an **"Income Verification Letter"**. Upon request, please make sure to ask for a memo to be added showing that your 100% disability rating is **service-connected**.

Statewide election for a local option voted on and approved- November 2, 2010  
Rapides Parish voters voted on and approved the local option election – October 22, 2011  
Effective January 1, 2012

Louisiana Constitution, Article VII, Section 21, K(1)

In addition to the homestead exemption authorized under the provisions of Article VII, Section 20 of this constitution, which applies to the first seven thousand five hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of property, the next seven thousand five hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of property receiving the homestead exemption which is owned and occupied by a veteran with a service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran with a service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent shall be eligible for this exemption if the surviving spouse occupies and remains the owner of the property, whether or not the exemption was in effect on the property prior to the death of the veteran. If property eligible for the exemption provided for in this Paragraph has an assessed value in excess of fifteen thousand dollars, ad valorem property taxes shall apply to the assessment in excess of fifteen thousand dollars.