

Please review the right-hand column of your tax bill to see if you are receiving your exemptions.

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PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION INFORMATION

If you are a senior citizen, veteran, disabled veteran, or disabled person, you might be eligible for a money-saving exemption. The Supervisor of Assessments is responsible for administering the following exemptions:

GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

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- 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 Web site.

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 recorded deed
- 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 2014 tax year (payable in 2015) you must be 65 or older in 2014; your total household income in 2013 was \$55,000 or less and on January 1, 2013 **and** January 1, 2014 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 a copy of the front page of your 2013 IRS 1040 and your 2013 Social Security 1099. If you did not file a 2013 IRS 1040, submit a copy of the 2013 Social Security 1099 and ALL other household income verification for 2013.

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 an 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 an 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 1st of the assessment year. A veteran with 70% -100% disabilities will receive an annual \$5,000 reduction in EAV. A veteran with 50%-69% disability will receive an annual \$2,500 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. Have at least 50% service-connected disability certified by the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, own and occupy the property as the primary residence as of January 1st of the assessment year.

To file for a Disabled Veterans' Homestead Exemption you will need a 2012 disability certification letter from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans' Affairs for the current assessment (2011 Application-2011 Certification will be accepted). You will also need one of the following documents (original or a copy certificated by the county recorder, 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, 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.