

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED VETERANS

A property tax exemption is available to senior citizens and the surviving spouses of senior citizens. The exemption is also available to disabled veterans and the surviving spouses of disabled veterans who previously applied for and were granted the disabled veteran exemption. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The state pays the exempted portion of the property tax. Once approved, the exemption remains in effect for future years and the applicant need not reapply. NOTE: The General Assembly may eliminate funding for the Senior Citizen Exemption or Disabled Veteran Exemption at their discretion, in any year that the budget does not allow for the reimbursement. Application requirements are as follows:

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to applicants who: a) are at least 65 years of age as of January 1 of the year of application, b) owned their home for at least 10 consecutive years as of January 1, and c) occupied it as their primary residence for at least 10 consecutive years as of January 1.

Limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the qualifications section of the application. The senior citizen exemption is also available to surviving spouses of senior citizens who met the requirements on any January 1 after 2001. The application deadline for 2015 is July 15. The application form is available from and must be submitted to the county assessor at the following address:

*Adams County Assessor
4430 South Adams County Parkway C2100 Brighton CO 80601-8203
720-523-6038
assessor@adcogov.org*

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to applicants who: a) sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, b) were honorably discharged, and c) were rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as one hundred percent "permanent and total" disabled.

Disabilities rated at less than one hundred percent and VA unemployability awards do not meet the eligibility requirement. The applicant must have owned and occupied the home as his or her primary residence since January 1 of the year of application; however, limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the eligibility requirements section of the application. The application deadline for 2015 is July 1. Applications are available from the Division of Veterans Affairs at the address and telephone number shown below and from the website of the Colorado Division of Property Taxation at www.dola.colorado.gov/dpt. Completed applications must be submitted to the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs at the following address:

*Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Division of Veterans Affairs
1355 S. Colorado Blvd., Bldg C, Suite 113
Denver, Colorado 80222
Telephone: 303-284-6077 Fax: 303-284-3163
<http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000>*

DISABLED VETERAN SURVIVING SPOUSE EXEMPTION

The exemption is available to surviving spouses of disabled veterans who had the disabled veteran exemption and who passed away prior to January 1 of the current year. The property must be owner occupied and used as the primary residence of an owner-occupier who is the surviving spouse of a qualifying disabled veteran. The application deadline for 2015 is July 1. The application is available from the Division of Veterans Affairs or the county assessor of the county in which the property is located, and must be returned to the county assessor.