

Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Exemption

Who is Eligible?

- An honorably discharged veteran with service-connected total and permanent disability may qualify for total exemption of homesteaded real estate used and owned as a homestead, less any portion used for commercial purposes.
- An existing Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability exemption can be transferred to a new qualifying residence. Application must be made on the new residence and all other criteria met for the continued homestead exemption.

The benefit of this exemption can carry over to the surviving spouse if the following conditions are met:

- The veteran predeceases the spouse;
- the spouse continues to reside on the property and use it as his, or her, domicile;
- the spouse does not remarry;
- and, the spouse holds legal or beneficial title and held the property with the veteran by tenancy by the entireties at the veteran's death.
- If the surviving spouse sells his/her homesteaded property, the assessed value of the original home will serve as the maximum exemption that can be claimed on the new home.

You will need to provide the following:

If filing for the first time, bring proof of your service connected disability, such as:

- A disability identification card issue by our local Veteran's Administration Office.

Note: The Indian River County Property Appraiser's Office has made an arrangement with our local Veteran's Administration Office to supply all of our total and permanently disabled veterans with an identification card for verification.

Information provided on this page is a synopsis and should serve as a guideline offered to assist the general public. For detailed information please refer to the Florida Constitution (applicable Amendments) and the Florida State Statutes.