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Exemption Requirements

Benefit	Details & Requirements	Application Requirements
Seniors & Low-Income Seniors who maintain Long-Term Residency <i>F.S. 196.075(2)(a) & F.S. 196.075(2)(b)</i> Applies only to the taxing authorities that have passed this exemption; Long-term Residency Exemption applies to county millages only.	<p>Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, be legally in possession of and living on said property as their primary residence as of January 1 of the year of application, and must have a total household adjusted income less than the amount set by the Florida Department of Revenue.</p> <p>Applicants meeting the above criteria, who have owned and maintained their permanent residency on the homestead property for at least 25 years and have a just value of less than \$250,000 may be eligible for additional benefits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501SC • DR-4506T • Federal Income Tax Returns/Social Security 1099's • Income statements for all household members • Affidavit for Additional Seniors who maintain Long-Term Residency must be completed in our office
Civilian Disability	Blind/Other Permanent Disability (\$500) <i>F.S. 196.202</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 or proof of Florida residency And one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate from the Div. of Blind Services • Certificate from Veteran's Administration • Certificate from Social Security Administration • DR-416 or DR-416B (for Blind Exemption)
	Quadriplegic (Totally Exempt) <i>F.S. 196.101</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 • (2) DR-416 forms
	Totally & Permanently Disabled Persons (Totally Exempt) - must have a total household income less than the amount set by the Florida Department of Revenue. <i>F.S. 196.101</i> **DR-501A must be submitted annually to maintain exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 • **DR-501A (if paraplegic, hemiplegic or other totally and permanently disabled person who must use a wheelchair for mobility or who is legally blind) And one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) DR-416 or DR-416B (for Blind Exemption) forms • Certificate from Veteran's Administration
Veteran Disability	Disabled Veterans (\$5,000) - service-connected disability of 10% or more; un-remarried surviving spouse may be eligible. <i>F.S. 196.24</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 or proof of FL residency • Letter from Veteran's Administration
	Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans (Totally Exempt) - veterans who have been honorably discharged with a service-connected total & permanent disability; un-remarried surviving spouse may be eligible. <i>F.S. 196.081</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 • Letter from Veteran's Administration
	Seniors Combat-Related Disabled Veterans - veteran aged 65 or older as of January 1; honorably discharged; combat-related disability; exemption percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's disability rating; un-remarried surviving spouse may be eligible. <i>F.S. 196.082</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 • Proof of age • Rating Decision from Veteran's Administration • DD-214 • Documentation of Combat-Related Disability • Proof of Honorable Discharge • DR-501DV
	Surviving Spouses of Veterans who died while on Active Duty (Totally Exempt) - un-remarried spouse <i>F.S. 196.081</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 • Letter from Veteran's Administration which attests to the veteran's death while on active duty



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Deployed Servicemembers <i>F.S. 196.173</i>	Servicemembers deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside of the continental U.S., Alaska, or Hawaii in support of a qualified military operation may be eligible to receive an additional exemption based on the number of days deployed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 • DR-501M • Proof of qualifying deployment, which must include dates of deployment
Totally & Permanently Disabled First Responders (Totally Exempt) <i>F.S. 196.102</i>	First responders in the state of Florida, or a political subdivision of Florida, who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of injury sustained in the line of duty may be exempt from taxation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer certificate of disability • Documentation of total & permanent disability from Social Security Administration and/or DOR form
Surviving Spouses of First Responders (Totally Exempt) <i>F.S. 196.081</i>	Un-remarried surviving spouses of first responders who have died while in the line of duty may be exempt from taxation; surviving spouse and first responder must have been permanent residents of the state of Florida on January 1st of the year the first responder died.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the state, appropriate political subdivision of the state, other authority, or special district, which legally recognizes and verifies that the first responder died in the line of duty while employed as a first responder.
Widow/ Widowers (\$500) <i>F.S. 196.202</i>	Un-remarried widow or widower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR-501 or proof of Florida residency • Deceased spouse's death certificate