

# TAX TIPS FOR VETERANS

A guide to Property Tax Exemptions for SC Veterans, Medal of Honor Recipients, and POWs

## VETERANS

### What is the Property Tax Exemption for veterans?

- Veterans may qualify for a tax exemption on home and land, up to five acres if the home and land are on the same parcel, and
- Two private passenger vehicles owned or leased by the veteran solely and/or jointly titled with their spouse.

### Do I qualify?

- Veterans deemed totally and permanently service-connected disabled by the VA qualify for the exemption.

### Exemptions for a Surviving Spouse

- One vehicle registered solely in surviving spouse's name.
- Home exemption if at the time of veteran's death, the surviving spouse acquires sole ownership in fee or for life from the deceased veteran; or prior to the veteran's death the widow/widower owned the home solely.

## MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS AND POWS

### Medal of Honor Recipients and POWs qualify for:

- A tax exemption on home and land, up to one acre, and
- Two private passenger vehicles owned or leased by the Medal Recipient or POW.
- For a full explanation please visit: [dor.sc.gov/exempt-property](https://dor.sc.gov/exempt-property)

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- You will need to fill out an application and provide these documents:
  - **A VA letter**, certifying you are totally and permanently service-connected disabled with the effective date.
  - For vehicles, a copy of the **SC registration card, SC bill of sale, or SC title**. For vehicles registered or purchased out of state you will need to pay the taxes upfront.
  - For home and land, **a copy of the recorded deed and proof of legal residence approval from the county assessor's office**.
  - **A marriage certificate** if home or vehicles are owned jointly with a spouse.
- The quickest and easiest way to apply is through **MyDORWAY**, our free online tax portal.
  - You can use **MyDORWAY** to fill out the application and submit your supporting documents.
  - Visit **MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov** to get started.
- You may not be able to sign up for a **MyDORWAY** account if you are not required to file an SC Individual Income Tax return. In that case, **apply without creating an account**.
  - Go to **MyDORWAY** at **mydorway.dor.sc.gov** and click **Exempt Property Application**.
  - You can still view your Property Tax exemption history, including your current application status, using our Property Exemption Status Check tool.
- You can also submit your application by mail or in-person.
  - Download a **Property Tax Exemption Application for Individuals (PT-401-I)** at **dor.sc.gov/forms** and include the completed form with your supporting documents.
- You can check the status of your application from the **MyDORWAY** homepage.
  - Click **Exempt Property Application**, then **Check Property Exemption Status**.
  - You need the **confirmation code** from your application and the **email address** used for the submission, or **your SSN and legal name**.

Questions?

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