

WORLD WAR II VETERANS EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR TAX YEAR 2025

COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



STEP 1 | Property Information

Property Index
Number (PIN)

Name of Applicant

Property Address

City

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Date of
Occupancy
MM/DD/YYYY

Start Date

/ /

Write the End Date or Today's Date

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STEP 2 | Eligibility

Beginning in tax year 2024 (payable in 2025), legislation expands the Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (SHEVD) exemption to a qualified residence that is used by a veteran who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II regardless of their level of disability rating. If the veteran qualifies under the World War II provisions, they do not need to fill out an annual reapplication/renewal form.

The term "World War II" means the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946. If **any** of the veteran's service was performed during this time frame, then the veteran is a World War II veteran.

- ✓ I occupied the property as my principal place of residence in 2025.
 - ✓ I am liable for payment of this property's taxes.
 - ✓ I own this property or have a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in this property.
 - ✓ I am an Illinois resident who was a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II.
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- ✓ Alternative qualification for a surviving spouse: I am a non-remarried surviving spouse of a World War II veteran. I have been a resident of Illinois from the time of the veteran's death through this taxable year. Complete the following:

MM/DD/YYYY

Deceased WWII Veteran's Name

Date of Death

Deceased WWII Veteran's Name

Date of Death

STEP 3 | Photo ID and Proof of Occupancy Required

All applications must include Photo ID and an Occupancy Affidavit. The name and address on the ID must match what is entered on the application, and been issued in year 2025 or prior. If your current name is different from a former name on any provided verification document(s) or the deed, you must submit documentation sufficient to explain the name change: a certified marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc. If you do not own the property, you must submit documentation showing a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property.

Attach a copy of one Photo ID from List A. If the address on the Photo ID doesn't reflect the property address, provide document one from List C.

- A** Photo IDs that verify identity and occupancy in the tax year.
- Drivers License / IL ID Card
 - Matricula Consular ID
 - City of Chicago ID Card
 - US Passport

- C** Items in List C must include the property address and reflect the 2025 tax year.
- Bank statement
 - Landline, cable, or internet bill
 - Pay stub
 - Social Security Award Letter
 - Voting record (from Cook County Clerk's Office or Chicago Board of Elections)

STEP 3 | Discharge Document Required

See the back of this form for a complete list of accepted discharge documents. **The document must establish service during the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946.**

**TURN PAGE OVER to
complete your application.**

Complete list of discharge documents

From the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs
<https://www.va.gov/records/discharge-documents/>

DD214 and other Department of Defense (DoD) documents

Title	Form
Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty	DD 214
Statement of Service	DD 13
Transcript of Military Record	DA 1569
Armed Forces Identification Card (Active)	2A, DD 2AF, DD 2CG, DD 2MC, DD 2N, DD 2NOAA
US Uniformed Services Identification Card	DD 2 (Retired)
Discharge Certificate	DD 217
Certificate in Lieu of Lost or Destroyed Discharge	DD 303, DD 303AF, DD 303CG, DD 303MC, DD 303N
Report of Casualty	DD 1300

DoD documents that must show a period of active-duty service dates

Title	Form
Honorable Discharge Certificate	DD 256A, DD 256AF, DD 256CG, DD 256MC, DD 256N
General Discharge Certificate	DD 257A, DD 257AF, DD 257CG, DD 257MC, DD 257N

Documents that must show active-duty service dates

Title	Form
Honorable Discharge Certificate	Bureau of Investigation No. 213 Discharge from U. S. Naval Reserve Force

Documents that must show previous active federal service for something other than training, or a minimum of 20 years total service (for pay)

Title	Form
Report of Separation and Record of Service, Departments of the Army and the Air Force, National Guard Bureau	NGB 22

Other accepted documents

Certificate in Lieu of Lost or Destroyed Discharge Certificate
 Certificate of Discharge, U.S. Naval Service
 Certificate of Military Service
 Certificate of Service
 Certificate of Service, AVS
 Certification of Military Service
 Discharge Certificate
 Enlisted Record and Report of Separation General Discharge
 Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge
 Honorable Discharge from Army of the United States of America
 Honorable Discharge from The Army of the United States
 Honorable Discharge from the United States Army
 Honorable Discharge from U.S. Navy
 Honorable Discharge, U.S. Coast Guard
 Honorable Discharge, U.S. Marine Corps
 Honorable Discharge, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
 Military Record and Report of Separation Certificate of Service

Navy Discharge-Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service
 Notice of Separation from U.S. Coast Guard
 Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service
 Official Retirement Order
 Official Retirement Register
 Request for Army Information
 Reserve Retirement Eligibility Benefits Letter
 Service Information
 Standard Statement of Service
 Statement of Service
 Statement of Service-Verification of Status of Commissioned Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service
 Summary of Military Service Record from various states
 Summary of Record of Active Service
 Transcript of Military Record
 U.S. Marine Corps Certificate of Service (Instead of lost or destroyed discharge certificate)
 U.S. Marine Corps Report of Separation
 Verification of Service letter from the VA
 War Service Certificate

STEP 3 | Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that if an exemption is granted in error, this property may be subject to a lien for back taxes and penalties in accordance with Section 9-275 of the Illinois Property Tax Code.

I affirm that neither I nor my spouse (if any) have applied for a Homestead Exemption on any other property.

If you are completing a paper form, mail a completed form with applicable documentation to:

Cook County Assessor
118 N. Clark Street, Room 320
Chicago, IL 60602

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature

Date of Birth / /

Today's Date / /



OCCUPANCY AFFIDAVIT

Affiant's Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Affiant's Current Address: _____
(property address, city, state and zip code)

I, _____, do hereby state under oath as follows:
(Affiant's name)

From _____ to _____, I occupied as my principal residence
(date) (date)

the property commonly known as _____ and
(property address, city, state and zip code)

identified by Property Index Number(s) _____,

and I did not request or receive a homestead exemption on a different property for any of those years.

I swear that the facts stated above are true and complete.

Signature of Affiant (required)