

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION:

Basic Qualifications – Generally, each of the following statements must be true to qualify:

- ◆ The applicant must be a veteran who sustained a service-connected disability while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This includes members of the National Guard and Reserves who sustained injuries while serving on active duty;
- ◆ The applicant must have been honorably-discharged;
- ◆ The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has rated the applicant's service-connected disability as 100 percent permanent and total. VA unemployability awards do not meet the requirement for determining an applicant's eligibility;
- ◆ The applicant must be the owner of record and must have been the owner of record since January 1 of the current year; and
- ◆ The applicant must have occupied the property as his/her primary residence since January 1 of the current year.

Exceptions to Basic Qualifications – The applicant may still qualify if one or more of the following statements are true:

- ◆ Ownership is in the spouse's name, and the spouse also occupies the property;
- ◆ Ownership has been transferred to or purchased by a trust, corporate partnership or other legal entity solely for estate planning purposes;
- ◆ The qualifying disabled veteran or his/her spouse was or is confined to a health care facility.
- ◆ The applicant was forced to move when the prior residence was condemned in an eminent domain proceeding.

How to Apply - To apply, you must file a completed application with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs by July 1. The Division of Veterans Affairs may accept late applications until September 1 if the applicant can show good cause for missing the July 1 deadline. If you would like to receive an application form or a brochure that explains the disabled veteran exemption in greater detail, or if you have any questions regarding the exemption, please call the assessor's office at 303-621-3101

You may also follow our link regarding this exemption on the assessors website listed under exemptions www.elbertcounty-co.gov/exemptions.php