



# TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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RP-458a

## Alternative & Cold War Veteran's Exemption Application Instructions

The following information is due to the Assessor's Office no later than **March 1, 2022:**

1. Complete both sides and sign the RP-458a application.
2. Proof of residency showing the property address on one of the following: Driver's License, Voter's Registration, Auto Registration or Current Paystub.
3. A copy of your Active Duty Service DD-214 must accompany your application.
4. If you have a service connected disability, submit a copy of your award letter from the Veteran's Administration showing your "Total Combined Rating". You will receive half of your disability rating as a tax exemption. If the rating is permanent, make sure this reflects on the letter.

**Please Note:** In order to receive a Veteran's Tax Exemption you must have served active duty service that is **NOT** for training purposes.

### Additional Information:

1. Only the veteran, current spouse or un-remarried widow is eligible for a Veteran's Tax Exemption.
2. If you do not have a copy of your DD-214 or discharge papers, you can contact the Erie County Clerk at 716-858-8690. You can also request a copy from the National Archives at [www.archives.gov/veterans](http://www.archives.gov/veterans).
3. Periods of War eligible for a Veteran's Tax Exemption:
  - a. Persian Gulf 8/2/1990 to Present
  - b. Cold War 9/2/1945 to 12/26/1991
  - c. Vietnam 2/28/1961 to 5/7/1975
  - d. Korea 6/27/1950 to 1/31/1955
  - e. WWII 12/7/1941 to 12/31/1946
  - f. WWI 4/6/1917 to 11/11/1918
4. Cheektowaga Central, Maryvale, Cleveland Hill, Depew, Lancaster, Williamsville and West Seneca School Districts have all approved an Alternative Veteran's School Tax Exemptions.
5. Lancaster & Williamsville School District allows the Cold War Veterans exemption for school tax purposes. For all other school districts, the exemption is only applied to the County/Town tax bill.

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