



Application for Alternative Veterans Exemption from Real Property Taxation

See instructions, Form RP-458-a-I, for assistance in completing this form.

1. Name(s) of owner(s)		
2. Mailing address of owner(s) (number and street or PO box)		3. Location of property (street address)
City, village, or post office	State	ZIP code
City, town, or village	State	ZIP code
Daytime contact number	Evening contact number	Date of purchase of real property
Email address		Tax map number of section/block/lot: Property identification (see tax bill or assessment roll)
Name(s) of any non-owner spouse(s)		
Address(es) of primary residence(s) if different from above:		

4. Is the owner a veteran who served in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, indicate the relationship of the owner to veteran who rendered such service: _____

If Yes, is the veteran also the unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Indicate the branch of veteran's service and dates of active service: _____

Attach written evidence.

6. Was the veteran discharged or released from active service under honorable conditions? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, attach written evidence.

If No, did the veteran receive a letter from the New York State Division of Veterans' Services stating that the veteran now meets the character discharge criteria for all of the benefits and services listed in the Restoration of Honor Act? If Yes, attach a copy of the letter Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Did the veteran serve in a combat zone or combat theater? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, where did the veteran serve and when was that service performed? _____

Attach written evidence.

8. Did the veteran receive a compensation rating from the United States Veteran's Administration or from the United States Department of Defense as a result of a service connected disability? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, what is (was) the veteran's compensation rating? _____

Attach written evidence showing the date the rate was established.

Mark an X in the box if the rating is permanent: ☐

If No, did the veteran die in service of a service connected disability or in the line of duty while serving during wartime? If Yes, attach written evidence Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Is the property the primary residence of the veteran, unremarried surviving spouse of the veteran, or the Gold Star parent? Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, is the veteran, unremarried surviving spouse of the veteran, or the Gold Star parent the owner of the property and absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization? Yes ☐ No ☐

Explain: _____

10. Is the property used exclusively for residential purposes? Yes ☐ No ☐

If *No*, describe the non-residential use of this property and state what portion is so used: _____

11. Date the title to this property was acquired: ____ / ____ / ____ . Attach copy of deed.

12. Has the owner(s) ever received, or is the owner(s) now receiving a veterans exemption based on eligible funds on property in New York State? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, the amount of eligible funds used in the purchase was \$ _____

Does that eligible funds exemption cover the same property listed on page 1? Yes ☐ No ☐

If *No*, enter the location of this property in New York State:

Street address		
Village	City/town	School district

If Yes, are you submitting this application only because you are seeking a school tax exemption?

(Mark *Yes* if you want to apply for a new school tax exemption without having any changes made to your existing eligible funds exemption; mark *No* if you want your existing eligible funds exemption to be replaced with the alternative veterans exemption.) Yes ☐ No ☐

Certification

I (we) hereby certify that all statements made on this application are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief and I (we) understand that any willful false statement made herein will subject me (us) to the penalties prescribed in the Penal Law.

All owners must sign this application

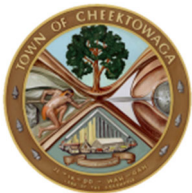
Signature of owner(s)	Date
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For Assessor's Use Only

Alternative veterans exemption (RP-458-a)	Assessment	Period of war, active service, or expeditionary medal recipient (15% or ceiling max.) approved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Combat zone service (including expeditionary medal) (10% or ceiling max.) approved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Service connected disability rating _____ (× 50% or ceiling max.) approved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Total
Village					
Town/City					
County					
School district					

Name of assessor (please print)	
Signature of assessor	Date



Alternative & Cold War Veteran's Exemption Application Instructions

The following information is due to the Assessor's Office no later than **March 1, 2026:**

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.
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 11/1/1955 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.

The application and all applicable documents are due to the Assessor's Office no later than March 1, 2026!