

State of Florida Veteran Benefits Training



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Florida Department of Veteran Affairs - State Benefit Letters

With more than 1.5 million veterans, Florida is the most veteran-friendly state in the nation. The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) is the premier point of entry for Florida veterans to access earned services, benefits and support. At the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, we advocate for Florida veterans and connect them to earned benefits and services. We're here to honor those who served U.S.

With this in mind, FDVA works jointly with County Property Appraisers, Department of Revenue and The Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to provide Veterans with state benefits they have earned.



One of the State of Florida benefits you will be processing is the property tax exemption available to the Veteran. There are three of these benefits available based on the Veterans service connected disability rating through the VA.

The most common one is for those Veterans that have been rated Permanent & Total (P & T). This is the VA FL (**VA Form Letter**) 27-333. FL Statute 196.081 does not indicate that a scheduled rating percentage needs to be met, just that the Veteran is P & T.

This letter provides the Veteran a waiver of obligation to pay the Ad Valorem portion of his property tax bill. He/she is still obligated to pay any Non-Ad Valorem taxes due.

This benefit is for those properties that are homesteaded **ONLY**.



Another property tax exemption you will encounter is the VA FL 27-125.

This benefit's qualifier is that the Veteran have a scheduled rating percentage for a service-connected disability. This rating percentage will range from 10% to 100% however, also that the Veteran IS NOT Permanent and Total.

This benefit will reduce the taxable value of the home and property by Five Thousand dollars before it's taxed.

This benefit does not require that the property be homesteaded, only that the Veteran is a Florida resident.



Last but not least, the final tax exemption benefit is the Florida Amendment 7 letter. This benefit is available for those Veteran's that have combat related disabilities and are 65 years old or older. It is most commonly referred to as the combat letter.

This benefit will reduce the Ad Valorem portion of the property tax bill by the same scheduled rating percentage afforded the Veteran for his/her service-connected disability by the VA.



The VA FL 27-333 letter and the VA FL 27-125 letter benefits are the only property tax benefits that will carry over to the surviving spouse. The widow/widower of a service connected disabled Veteran will present their own exemption letter.

The 27-333 and the 27-125 are for the Veteran ONLY.