STATE OF INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2738

Mike Braun, Governor
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Dear Applicant,

You may be eligible for a disabled veteran property tax benefit. Take the completed application (SF12662) to your County Auditor's office for further processing.

You may be eligible to receive a credit for your property tax in the following amounts per **Indiana code 6-1.1-51.3 sections 5 & 6 beginning January 1, 2026**.

$250.00 credit if you served in the United States military or naval forces at least 90 days, received an honorable discharge AND are 62 years or older AND have a rating of at least 10% issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Surviving Spouse is eligible for the credit if,

1) The veteran satisfied the eligibility requirements at the time of passing OR
2) The veteran was killed in action, died while serving on active duty in the military or naval forces of the United States or died while performing inactive duty training in military or naval forces of the United States.
3) owns or is buying the property regardless of whether the property was owned by the deceased veteran.

$350.00 credit if you served in the United States military or naval forces during a recognized period of wartime service, received an honorable discharge, AND have a service-connected disability of 10% or higher issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Surviving Spouse is eligible for the credit if,

1) The veteran satisfied the eligibility requirements at the time of passing
2) owns or is buying the property regardless of whether the property was owned by the deceased veteran.

You may be eligible for both credits if all eligibility requirements are met.

Veteran is Totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:
If a veteran has served at least ninety (90) days in the United States military or naval forces , received an honorable discharge, and has a total disability rating through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, **one hundred percent (100%)** of the assessed value of the property the individual owns AND uses as their primary residence and has resided in Indiana for at least one year is deducted from the assessed value. If the rating of the veteran is reduced from 100% it is the veteran's responsibility to notify the County Auditor's office within 60 days of this action.
A **surviving spouse** may receive this deduction if the veteran satisfied eligibility requirements at the time of passing. A surviving spouse is no longer eligible for this deduction if they

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subsequently remarry. The surviving spouse must also have resided in Indiana for one (1) year before the assessment date for which the deduction is claimed.

If you reside in a home that was conveyed **without charge** to you by an organization that is exempt from income taxation under the federal Internal Revenue Code AND you are at least 50% service-connected disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who served in the United States military or naval forces for at least 90 days AND received an honorable discharge you may be eligible for a deduction in the following amounts;

100% Service connected: deduct 100% of the assessed value of the homestead
90% Service connected: deduct 90% of the assessed value of the homestead
80% Service connected: deduct 80% of the assessed value of the homestead
70% Service connected: deduct 70% of the assessed value of the homestead
60% Service connected: deduct 60% of the assessed value of the homestead
50% Service connected: deduct 50% of the assessed value of the homestead

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If there is a remaining credit after this amount is applied to your property taxes, the County Auditor may allow you to use the remainder to assist you with the excise tax on your vehicle registration. The County Auditor will be the one to make that determination and will give you the proper documentation to take to your local License Branch.

Additionally, if you are eligible for any of the tax credits/deduction above but do not own any property to which a property tax credit may be applied, the County Auditor will provide paperwork to take to the License Branch. The amount of credit that may be claimed under this section is equal to the lesser of the following:

1. Amount of excise tax imposed by IC 6-6-5-5
2. Seventy dollars ($70)

For up to two (2) vehicles as per IC 6-6-5-5.2

Should you have any questions concerning eligibility, do not hesitate to contact us on our toll-free number, 1-800-400-4520 or contact your local County Veteran Service Officer.

Sincerely,

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs