

Assessors' Use only

Date Received _____
Application No. _____
Parcel Id. _____

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VETERAN

Fiscal Year 20__ APPLICATION FOR STATUTORY EXEMPTION

General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION

(See General Laws Chapter 59, Section 60)

Return to: Board of Assessors

Must be filed with Board of Assessors on or before
December 15 or 3 months after actual (not preliminary) tax
bills are mailed for fiscal year if later.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all sections fully. Please print or type.

A. IDENTIFICATION. Complete this section fully

Name of Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____ Marital Status _____

Legal Residence (Domicile) on July 1, 20__: _____

Mailing Address (If different): _____

Location of Property: _____ No. of Dwelling Units 1 2 3 4 other__

Did you own the property on July 1, 20__? Yes No

If yes, were you: Sole Owner Co-Owner with Spouse Only Co-Owner with Others

Was the property subject to a trust as of July 1, 20__? Yes No

If yes, please attach trust document including all schedules.

Have you been granted any exemption in any other city or town (MA or other) for this year? Yes No

If yes, name of city or town _____ *Amount exempted \$* _____

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS' USE ONLY)

Ownership GRANTED Assessed Tax _____

Occupancy DENIED Exempted Tax _____

Status DEEMED DENIED Adjusted Tax _____

Income

Assets

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Date Voted/Deemed Denied _____

Certificate No. _____

Date Cert./Notice Sent _____

Exemption: Clause _____ Date: _____

B. EXEMPTION STATUS. Check the status that applies to you and complete the questions that follow.

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VETERAN'S SPOUSE Veteran's Name _____
 Was the property of the veteran's domicile as of July 20__? Yes No
 If no, where does the veteran reside? _____

VETERAN'S SURVIVING SPOUSE/PARENT Deceased Veteran's Name _____
 If first year of application, attach copy of death certificate.
 If you are surviving spouse, have you remarried? Yes No

Date Enlisted/Inducted _____ Date Discharged _____

Type of Discharge _____ If first year of application, attach copy of discharge papers.

Military Decorations or Awards _____

Did the veteran live in Massachusetts at least 6 months prior to entering the service? Yes No
 If no, list the places and dates where the veteran was domiciled during the last 6 years. (2 years of local option adopted - See Assessors)

Address	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Continue list on attachment in same format as necessary.

Was the servicemember killed or presumed killed in a combat zone? Yes No
 If yes, date of death _____

Was the servicemember's/veteran's death a proximate result of a combat injury or disease? Yes No
 If yes and first year of application, (1) attach documentation from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, branch of service or doctor and (2) list above places and dates surviving spouse lived during the last 6 years (2 years if local option adopted - See Assessors)

Does the veteran have a service-connected disability? Yes No
 If yes and first year of application, attach Certificate of Disability from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or branch of service.
 If yes and exemption granted previously, attach certificate only if disability rating is 100% or has changed.

Has the veteran acquired "specially adapted housing"? Yes No

Is the veteran a paraplegic? Yes No

C. SIGNATURE. Sign here to complete the application.

This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, it and all accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and complete.

 Signature

 Date

If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS. You may be eligible to reduce all or a portion of the taxes assessed on your domicile if you meet the qualifications for one of the personal exemptions allowed under Massachusetts law. Qualifications vary, but generally relate to age, ownership, residency, disability, income or assets.

You may be eligible for an exemption if you fall into any of these categories:

- Blind
- Veteran with a service-connected disability
- Surviving spouse
- Minor child of deceased parent
- Senior citizen age 70 and older (65 and older by local option)

More detailed information about the qualifications for each exemption may be obtained from your board of assessors.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION. You may file an application if you meet all qualifications for a personal exemption as of July 1. You may also apply if you are the administrator or executor of a person who qualified for a personal exemption on July 1.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED. Your application must be filed with the Board of Assessors by December 15 or 3 months after the actual bills were mailed for the fiscal year, whichever is later. An application is filed when (1) received by the assessors on or before the filing deadline, or (2) mailed by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the proper address of the assessors, on or before the filing deadline, as shown by a postmark made by the United States Postal Service. **THIS DEADLINE CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, YOU LOSE ALL RIGHTS TO AN EXEMPTION AND THE ASSESSORS CANNOT BY LAW GRANT YOU ONE.**

PAYMENT OF TAX. Filing an application does not stay the collection of your taxes. In some cases, you must pay the tax when due to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an exemption is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as exempted, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION. Upon applying for an exemption, you may be required to provide the assessors with further information and supporting documentation to establish your eligibility. The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing before that period expires to extend it for a specific time. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an exemption has been granted or denied.

APPEAL. You may appeal the disposition of your application to the Appellate Tax Board, or if applicable, the County Commissioners. The appeal must be filed within 3 months of the date the assessors acted on your application, or the date your application was deemed denied, whichever is applicable. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.
