Income Tax Exemption for Veterans

New for Tax Year 2017. You are eligible for a $3,000 exemption on your Income Tax return if you are a military veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States by the last day of the tax year. Your spouse (or civil union partner) is also eligible for an exemption if he/she is a veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances and you are filing a joint return. This exemption is in addition to any other exemptions you are entitled to claim and is available on both the resident and nonresident returns. You cannot claim this exemption for a domestic partner or for your dependents.

Providing Documentation
You must provide a copy of Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, the first time you claim the exemption. This form does not need to be provided each year. The United States National Archives and Records Administration can assist with obtaining a copy of your DD-214.

You can certify for the exemption by sending a copy of your DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form to the Division before you file, which may help process your return faster. To certify:

- Use our secure document upload feature to submit your DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form. Enter the notice code VET and select PO Box 440; or
- Mail a copy of your DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form to: The New Jersey Division of Taxation, Veteran Exemption, PO Box 440, Trenton, NJ 08646-0440; or
- Fax your DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form to 609-633-8427.

If you do not certify before you file for the exemption, you will need to submit a copy of your DD-214 when you file using:

- A Paper Return. Enclose a copy of your DD-214 with your return;
- NJ Fill’n’File. Upload your DD-214, along with all of your other documentation, into the repository;
- Other Electronic Filing Methods. If you file your return using NJ WebFile, third-party software (such as TurboTax), or you have a tax professional who electronically submits your return, you can send a copy of your DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form using one of the three certification methods listed above.

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Veteran Exemption Submission Form

You Must Send a Copy of Your Official Discharge Document With This Form.

Personal Information

Name: ____________________________
  Last                      First

Social Security Number: ____________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

Spouse Name: ____________________________
  Last                      First

Spouse Social Security Number: ____________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

Address: ____________________________
  Street Address
  Apartment/Unit #

  City                      State                      ZIP Code

Home Phone: (____) ____________     Daytime Phone: (____) ____________

Signature

E-mail Address: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Spouse Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Where to Send the Completed Form

- Online, use our secure document upload feature.
  Enter the notice code VET and select PO Box 440; or

- Mail, with a copy of your discharge document to:
  The New Jersey Division of Taxation
  Veteran Exemption
  PO Box 440
  Trenton, NJ 08646-0440; or

- Fax with a copy of your discharge document to: 609-633-8427.