

# Sandoval County Office of the Assessor

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I am hopeful that this brief explanation has helped you understand the process of applying for the Veteran's or Disabled Veteran's exemption. One of my goals as Assessor is to keep the public informed and ensure fair and equitable assessments. If you have any questions please call our office at the number below.



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## Veteran & Disabled Veteran Exemption

### What is a Veteran & Disabled Veteran Exemption?

**The Veteran's Exemption is a \$4,000** reduction in your taxable value (NMSA 7-37-5) on any real property owned by Veteran.

**The Disabled Veteran's exemption is a 100% exemption** from property tax (NMSA 7-37-5.1) on the **Veteran's primary residence up to 5 acres of land.**

Both may be claimed by any honorably discharged Veteran or the unmarried surviving spouse of the Veteran.

### Who is Eligible?

- You must be a New Mexico Resident.
- Eligibility is determined by the New Mexico Department of Veteran's Services and a Certificate of Eligibility will be issued.
- Once you receive the certificate, you must present it along with the completed form to the Assessor's office in person to apply for the exemption. Once the exemption is claimed and allowed, it shall apply to subsequent years as long as there is no change in eligibility or ownership status. If you have claimed the exemption with the Motor Vehicle Division, you must come into the Assessor's office and report it, as only the remaining portion of the exemption will be allowed.

### To All Veterans and Unmarried Surviving Spouse of Veterans:

The state constitution was amended in November 2004 to expand the eligibility requirements to all veterans and unmarried surviving spouse who may be eligible for the veteran exemption.

Call the Department of Veteran Services Toll Free at 866-433-8387 or locally at 505-827-6300 with eligibility questions.

### Deadline to Apply

To qualify, you must submit the Certificate of Eligibility and the required application to the office of the Assessor no later than 30 days after the mailing of the Assessor's official "Notice of Value", the "Notice" is typically mailed out on or around April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, applications are available in our office and on our website.

Owners must report any change in eligibility to the County Assessor.

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