

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FY 2023 BROOKLINE APPLICATION FOR VETERAN STATUTORY EXEMPTION

General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5

OWNERSHIP _____
OCCUPANCY _____

Parcel ID: _____

Must be filed with Board of Assesors on or before April 1 or three months after actual (not preliminary) tax bills are mailed for fiscal year, if later

THIS APPLICATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION (see General Laws Chapter 59, Section 60)

INSTRUCTIONS:

This form has been sent to you so that the Assessors may begin processing the exemption to which you are entitled.

Please review and make any corrections to this form as soon as possible.

Fill in all shaded areas and verify their accuracy.

Sign on reverse and return in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you are a veteran claiming exemption under Clause 22E, your yearly Veterans Administration certificate must also be submitted.

If you are unable to return this form now, remember that it must be filed with the Board of Assessors within three months of the date of mailing of the actual real estate tax bill. The Assessors anticipate mailing the actual fiscal year 2023 al estate tax bills sometime in December . 2022

A. IDENTIFICATION.

Name of Applicant _____ Marital Status: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Legal Residence (domicile) on July 1: _____

Mailing Address (if different) : _____

Location of property: _____ No. of Dwelling Units: _____

Did you own the property on July 1: _____

If yes, were you:

Sole Owner?: _____ Co-owner Spouse?: _____ Co-owner with others?: _____

Was the property subject to a trust as of July 1? : _____

(If yes, attach trust instrument including all schedules)

Have you been granted any exemption in any other city or town (MA or other) for this year? _____

If yes, name of city or town: _____ Amount exempted: _____

FILING THIS FORM DOES NOT STAY THE COLLECTION OF YOUR TAXES.

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

VETERAN: _____ VETERAN'S NAME: _____
VETERAN'S SPOUSE: _____
VETERAN'S/SERVICE MEMBER'S/NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER'S SURVIVING SPOUSE OR PARENT (or GUARDIAN if local option adopted) _____
Date enlisted / inducted: _____
Type of discharge: _____
Military decorations or awards: _____

Was the property the veteran's domicile as of July 1? _____
If not, where does the veteran currently reside? _____
NAME DECEASED VETERAN /SERVICE MEMBER /NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER: _____
If first year application, attach copy of death certificate.
If you are surviving spouse, have you remarried? _____
Date Discharged: _____
(If first year of application, attach copy of papers)

Did the veteran/ servicemember/ national guard member live in Massachusetts at least 6 months prior to entering the service? _____
If no, list the places and dates where the veteran was domiciled the last 3 years or if deceased, the 3 years before death (2 years if local option adopted).

Address	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____

Continue list on attachment in same format as necessary.

If yes to any of the next 2 questions and if first year of application, (1) attach documentation from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, branch of service AND (2) list above places and dates where surviving spouse has lived during the last 3 years (2 years if local option adopted)

Is the servicemember or national guard member missing in action and presumed dead? _____

Was the proximate cause of the veteran's, servicemember's or national guard member's death due to an active duty injury or illness? _____

If yes to next question and first year of application, attach documentation from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or branch of service.

Has the servicemember or veteran ever been a prisoner of war? _____

If yes to next question and first year of application, attach Certificate of Disability from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or branch of service.

Does the Veteran have a 100% disability rating for service-connected blindness? _____

If yes to any of the next 3 questions and if first year of application, attach Certificate of Disability from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or branch of service. If Exemption granted previously, attach certificate only if disability rating is 100% or has changed.

Does the veteran have a service-connected disability? _____

Has the veteran acquired "specially adapted housing"? _____

Is the veteran paraplegic? _____

C. SIGNATURE. Sign here to complete the application.

This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under 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.

_____ Your signature _____ Date

If signed by agent, attach copy of writted authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayers.

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:

- Legally blind person
- Veteran with a service-connected disability
- Surviving spouse of a servicemember or national guard member or veteran who died from active duty injury or illness
- Surviving spouse
- Minor child of a 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 personal representative of the estate, or trustee under the will, 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 on or before April 1 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 all preliminary and actual installments of 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.