



**Town of Cheektowaga
Assessor's Office
3301 Broadway
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
716-686-3440**

RP-458a

Alternative & Cold War Veteran's Exemption Application Instructions

The following information must be submitted to the Assessor's Office prior to **March 1st, 2018**:

1. Complete both sides and sign the RP-458a application.
2. A copy of your Active Duty Service DD-214 must accompany your application.
3. If you have a service connected disability, submit a copy of your award letter from the Veteran's Administration showing your "Total Combined Rating". You will receive half of your disability rating as a tax exemption. This exemption is **not** based on your Compensation Rating.

Please Note: In order to receive a Veteran's Tax Exemption you must have served active duty service that is **NOT** for training purposes.

Additional Information:

1. Only the veteran, current spouse or un-remarried widow is eligible for a Veteran's Tax Exemption.
2. If you do not have a copy of your DD-214 or discharge papers you can contact the Erie County Clerk at 716-858-8690.
3. You can also request a copy from the National Archives at www.archives.gov/veterans
4. Periods of War eligible for the Veteran's Tax Exemption:
 - a. Persian Gulf 8/2/1990 to Present
 - b. Cold War 9/2/1945 to 12/26/1991 (*not eligible for school tax exemption*)
 - c. Vietnam 2/28/1961 to 5/7/1975
 - d. Korea 6/27/1950 to 1/31/1955
 - e. WWII 12/7/1941 to 12/31/1946
 - f. WWI 4/6/1917 to 11/11/1918
5. Cheektowaga Central, Maryvale, Cleveland Hill, Depew, Lancaster, Williamsville and West Seneca School Districts have all approved an Alternative Veteran's School Tax Exemption.
6. The Cold War Veterans exemption and the Disabled Cold War Veteran exemption does **not** apply to any School tax bills. Instead it is only applied to the County/Town tax bill.

The application and all applicable documents must be turned into the Assessor's Office by March 1st, 2018 to be considered for the program!