



**Town of Cheektowaga  
Assessor's Office  
3301 Broadway  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
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RP-458a

## **Alternative & Cold War Veteran's Exemption Application Instructions**

The following information is due to the Assessor's Office prior to **March 1, 2019**:

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](http://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
  - 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. Lancaster Central School District has approved the Cold War Veterans exemption and the Disabled Cold War Veteran Tax Exemption. For all other school districts, the exemption is only applied to the County/Town tax bill.

**The application and all applicable documents are due to the Assessor's Office by March 1, 2019!**