

**Veterans' or Veterans' Spouse Credits**  
*Requirements, conditions, and instructions*  
*The official deadline for filing the application is*  
*April 15, 2020 Effective for the December 2020 tax bill*

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Veterans' Credits RSA 72:28 now provides a credit in the amount of up to \$750 per year. Pursuant to recently adopted City Council Resolution R-2019:05.22-078 the Veterans credit will increase to \$750 over 3 years.: Credit amount will be as follows

**December 2019 = \$580**  
**December 2020 = \$660**  
**December 2021 = \$750**

**I. APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be the owner of record on or before April 1, 2020
- Must occupy the property as their principal place of abode
- Must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least one (1) year preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the exemption is claimed.
- If the applicant has a Life Estate in the property he/she must file PA-33 (Statement of Qualification)
- **If the property is owned by a trust the applicant must be the true and lawful Beneficial Interest Owner of the Trust that qualifies under the same guidelines as any other owner of property. Applicant must file Form PA-33 (Statement of Qualification) for property owned by a trust & satisfy the assessor that the applicant is a true beneficiary of the trust.**

**II**

Pursuant to RSA 72:35 If applying for Service Connected Total & Permanent Disability, submit a copy of the rating from the Department of Veteran's Affairs verifying 100% disability & that the disability is service connected

The Service Connected Total & Permanent Disability will gradually increase to \$4,000 over 3 years.:

Credit amount will be as follows

**December 2019 = \$2,650**  
**December 2020 = \$3,300**  
**December 2021 = \$4,000**

**Filing:**

- **Veterans' Tax Credit Requirements, Conditions, and Instructions (this page) is available on-line**  
<http://www.dover.nh.gov/fintaxassess.htm>;
- **PERMANENT APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT/EXEMPTIONS (Form PA29) required by RSA 72:33 must be filed;**

- In the case of a Trust or Life Estate, Form PA-33 is also required;
- Submit a copy of a document (DD-214) to verify a veteran's active military service, it must show (in addition to sufficient identification data) at least three key pieces of information:
  - a date of entry into active duty,
  - a date of separation or release from active duty, and
  - the character of the discharge (proof of honorable discharge or separation).

### III. Pursuant to RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit.-

The following persons shall qualify for the standard veterans' tax credit

(a) Every resident of this state who served **not less than 90 days in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section** and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident; Provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph;

(b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and

(c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

#### **Service in a qualifying war or armed conflict shall be as follows:**

(a) **""World War I" between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, extended to April 1, 1920 for service in Russia; provided that military or naval service on or after November 12, 1918 and before July 2, 1921, where there was prior service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 shall be considered as World War I service;**

(b) **""World War II" between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946;**

(c) **""Korean Conflict" between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955;**

(d) **""Vietnam Conflict" between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975;**

(e) **""Vietnam Conflict" between July 1, 1958 and December 22, 1961, if the resident earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed forces expeditionary medal;**

(f) **""Persian Gulf War" between August 2, 1990 and the date thereafter prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law; and**

(g) **Any other war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975, and in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal.**

### IV. The Dover City Council adopted the All Veterans' Tax Credit

**The All Veterans; Tax Credit extends the existing veterans' property tax credit to ALL honorably discharged veterans.**

Pursuant to RSA 72:28-b IV. All Veterans' Tax Credit.

A Person shall qualify for the all veterans; tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or

the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 Training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35.

The new All Veterans; credit will gradually increase to \$750:

Credit amount will be as follows **December 2019 = \$333**

**December 2020 = \$660**

**December 2021 = \$750**

## **Qualifying Awards for the Veterans' Tax Credit For Wars or Conflicts after May 8, 1975**

List provided by NH State Veterans Council

Any of the following medals shall be considered a "theater of operations service medal" for the purposes of qualifying a veteran for the Veterans' Tax Credit in RSA 72:28. Typically, the medal will appear on the discharge papers (such as the DD214), except for those who earned the medal, but were discharged prior to the award. There must be documentation to qualify.

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal

In addition, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the award of the following decorations shall also be considered evidence of a veteran's combat service and qualification for the Veterans' Tax Credit:

Reference: "V" Device: "V" stands for Valor, and it is awarded to denote combat service.

If so specified, the medal must have the "V" Device to be valid.

- Air Force Cross
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award **with "V" Device**
- Air Medal **with "V" Device**
- Army Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Bronze Star Medal **with "V" Device**
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Aircrew Insignia
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Joint Service Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Medal of Honor
- Navy Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Navy Cross
- Purple Heart
- Silver Star