



# TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## **Veteran's Credit Guidelines (RSA 72:28)**

### **Guidelines for Veterans' Tax Credit.**

The DD form 214 or other acceptable form must be submitted to the Town with the standard permanent application. The permanent application is available at the Assessor's Office. The credit amount for the veteran or surviving spouse is \$500.00 off the property tax bill for the year. The credit for a total and permanently disabled veteran is \$2000.00 and the credit for the surviving spouse of a veteran killed while on active duty is \$700.00 in the town of Exeter. The property on which the credit is claimed must be your principal place of abode. Applicant must be a resident of the State one year prior to April 1st.

I. The following persons shall qualify for the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional 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;
- (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.

II. 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.

# **Forms and Documents Verifying a Veteran's Active Military Service**

List provided by NH Office of Veterans Services

- DD Form 214 from any branch of the armed forces;
- DD Form 215 from any branch of the armed forces;
- DD Form 217 from any branch of the armed forces;
- GSA Form 6954 from the National Archives;
- NA Form 13038 from the National Archives;
- NA Form 13041 from the National Archives;
- NAVCG Form 2510 from the United States Coast Guard;
- NAVMC Form 70-PD from the United States Marine Corps;
- NAVMC Form 78-PD from the United States Marine Corps;
- NAVPERS Form 553 from the United States Navy;
- NAVPERS Form 554 from the United States Navy;
- NAVPERS Form 660 from the United States Navy;
- NAVPERS Form 661 from the United States Navy;
- WD AGO Form 53-55 from the United States Army;
- WD AGO Form 53-98 from the United States Army;
- WD AGO Form 755 from the United States Army;
- Verification of Service letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Summary of Military Service Record from the New Hampshire Korean War Bonus application;
- Other documents approved by the Director of the NH Office of Veterans Services .

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The above (excerpted from HB 1372) is a list of forms and documents that are usually sufficient for verifying a veteran's active military service.

For a document to be acceptable in verifying 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).

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

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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.

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

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Website [http://www.nh.gov/revenue/munc\\_prop/vetex\\_cr.htm](http://www.nh.gov/revenue/munc_prop/vetex_cr.htm) references this list and the **Veterans Qualifying Discharge Papers list**.