

## Disabled/Blind Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax & Fee Exemption FAQ

### What is the Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax & Fee Exemption?

Starting January 1, 2026, all disabled and/or blind veterans in Nebraska can receive an exemption for the Motor Vehicle Tax and Motor Vehicle Fee for **ONE** vehicle owned and used for their personal transportation.

*NOTE: if a veteran has multiple vehicles, it is suggested they look at their vehicle registration document(s) and determine to which vehicle they wish to apply the exemption.*

The exemption only applies to the Motor Vehicle Tax and Motor Vehicle Fee. All other taxes and fees (e.g. plate fee, sales tax, wheel tax, etc.) still need to be paid. The outlined portion of the example registration below shows what would be exempted under the new law.

State of Nebraska - Vehicle Registration		State of Nebraska - Registration Receipt		Tax & Fee Summary	
RACHEL M. GARVER, COUNTY TREASURER LANCASTER CO. - LINCOLN NE 68503		Renew online at: <a href="http://dmv.nebraska.gov/services">dmv.nebraska.gov/services</a>			
Plate # AAA145	Reg # RS0000020394	Vehicle Details 3N1CN7APXKL877526 2019 Hyundai SANTA FE 4 DOOR	2019 MV Tax \$ 260.00 MSRP 18,000.00	Motor Vehicle Tax	260.00
Type PASSENGER (2017)	Type NEW REGISTRATION	Owners JANE DOE JOHN SMITH		Motor Vehicle Fee	5.00
Use PASSENGER	Weight	Situs Address 200 A ST LINCOLN NE 68502-1018		Reg Issuance	5.50
	Expires May 2020	2018 Tax District 1 - TD 1		Registration	15.00
Vehicle Details 3N1CN7APXKL877526 2019 Hyundai SANTA FE 4 DOOR   BLUE   GASOLINE	Reg Date 29-May-2019 Title Number N0000037877	Reg Date 29-May-2019 Exp Date May 2020		Plate Fee	6.60
	Total Paid \$ 1,323.10	RS0000020394 N0000037877 29-May-2019		Wheel Tax	74.00
JANE DOE JOHN SMITH 200 A ST LINCOLN NE 68502-1018				State Sales Tax	935.00
				Tire Fee	5.00
				Title Fee	10.00
				Lien Fee	7.00
				Total Paid	1,323.10

An automobile liability policy or proof of financial responsibility is required at the time of registration and while the motor vehicle is operated on a public highway located in Nebraska.

Requests for refunds or credits of fees upon loss of possession or transfer of ownership of the registered motor vehicle must be made within **sixty days** from the date of the loss or transfer.

### Who qualifies for the tax exemption?

[LB650](#) defines "Disabled Veteran" as meaning the same as [5 U.S. Code § 2108](#), which outlines two methods to meet the definition of a disabled veteran under U.S. code:

- 1) An individual who served on active duty in the armed forces, has separated under honorable conditions, and has established the present existence of a service-connected disability (covers those who are rated at 0%), **or**
- 2) An individual who is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or a military department.

[LB650](#) defines “Blind Veteran” as a veteran whose sight is so defective as to seriously limit such veteran's ability to engage in the ordinary vocations and activities of life. Their disability or blindness must be recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and they must have discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable.

### **How does a veteran apply for the tax exemption?**

First, the veteran **MUST** be in the [NDVA Military & Veteran Registry](#) as this is how DMV will verify eligibility. Veterans must include a benefit summary that shows a service-connected disability rating or demonstrates the veteran is in receipt of compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the VA.

*NOTE: it takes up to 48 hours after approval for registry applications to be processed and visible to DMV. Applications received after 5 p.m. CT on Friday will be processed the following Monday and in the DMV database by Tuesday or Wednesday.*

Once in the registry, the veteran needs to do the following when registering or renewing:

- 1) In person – tell the county treasurer staff they qualify for the disabled veteran tax exemption.
- 2) Online – select the “disabled veteran tax exemption” option on the [online application](#).

The veteran may need to provide their social security number when registering/renewing if it is not already associated with their registration record.

### **When does a veteran apply for the tax exemption?**

The request for the tax exemption must occur within 30 days after the purchase of a vehicle. For registration renewal, the request must occur prior to the final day of the expiration month. If the request is outside the required timeframe, the veteran will not qualify for exemption until the next renewal period.

### **Can the tax exemption be transferred to another vehicle?**

Yes. If a veteran wishes to transfer the exemption to a different vehicle, this must be done at the time the vehicle is sold or during the month of expiration of the existing vehicle.



## Does a veteran have to apply for the tax exemption every year?

No. The exemption will automatically be applied to future renewals unless the veteran requests it is transferred to another vehicle.

## (For CVSOs) How do I check in VetraSpec if the veteran is eligible?

This can be found (and changed) by going to the veteran's Quick Overview, clicking EDIT, and scrolling down to the State Veteran Benefits Information section. Under the Service-Connected Disability Eligibilities subsection is a checkbox to indicate whether the veteran is eligible. CVSOs can check this to update an eligible veteran's record which will in turn update their DMV record within 48 hours.

*Note: There must be supporting evidence in the veteran's VetraSpec profile (Documents tab) to verify the Veteran is eligible.*

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NEBRASKA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER:

BRANCHES/LICENSE PLATE:  Branch 1  Branch 2  Branch 3  Branch 4  Branch 5

DL-ID ELIGIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ GUARD (ADT or Title 32) ☐ RESERVE (Active Duty for training only)

LICENSE PLATE ELIGIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ELIGIBLE STATUS:  Active Duty

SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY ELIGIBILITIES

☐ 100% P&T  
☐ 100% TDIU  
☐ 100% Temporary  
☐ DIC – Surviving Spouse  
☐ 50%+ (G&P Benefits)  
☐ Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Eligible (0-100%)

## Additional Information and Resources

Veteran needs to apply to the registry: [veterans.nebraska.gov/registry](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/registry)

Veteran needs help finding DD-214 or discharge documents: [veterans.nebraska.gov/dd214](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/dd214)

Veteran needs to find their CVSO: [veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso](https://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso)

Veteran needs to find their county treasurer: [dmv.nebraska.gov/locations/county-treasurers](https://dmv.nebraska.gov/locations/county-treasurers)