



Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit Verification of Eligibility - Extension of Time to Claim Credit Fact Sheet 1122

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Overview of Tax Credit

The veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit is equal to the amount of property taxes paid by an eligible veteran or eligible unremarried surviving spouse during the year on their principal dwelling in Wisconsin. The credit is claimed on the Wisconsin income tax return and may be used to reduce income tax payable. The credit amount in excess of income tax payable is paid to the veteran or their unremarried surviving spouse.

To claim the credit, the veteran or unremarried surviving spouse must first obtain verification of his or her eligibility for the credit from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). If eligible, WDVA will issue a certificate verifying eligibility to claim the credit. The credit is claimed by submitting a copy of this certificate with the Wisconsin income tax return for the first year the credit is eligible to be claimed.

Note: The credit must be claimed within four years of the unextended due date of the Wisconsin income tax return. For example, the 2016 Wisconsin income tax return was due April 15, 2017. If WDVA determines a veteran or unremarried surviving spouse is eligible to claim this credit for 2016, the tax return must be filed by April 15, 2021.

How Do I Obtain Verification of Eligibility for the Tax Credit?

Information and instructions on how to request verification is available in [WDVA Brochure B0106](#). You may also call WDVA at 1-800-947-8387, write to them using the address below, or contact your local [County Veterans Service Office](#) (CVSO).

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Veterans Property Tax Credit
201 West Washington Ave.
PO Box 7843
Madison WI 53707-7843

How Do I Claim the Tax Credit If My Eligibility Determination Is Under Review by WDVA?

You must file an income tax return to claim the tax credit. However, you may request an extension of time to file a return to claim the tax credit if the deadline for claiming the credit is approaching and WDVA is reviewing your eligibility for that year.

You must provide the following information with your request to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR):

- Full name
- Residential address
- SSN or ITIN
- Date eligibility determination requested from WDVA
- Tax years applicable to eligibility determination

Send your request, questions, or comments to DOR at:

Email DORIncome@wisconsin.gov

Call (608) 266-2486

Write MS 5-144
Wisconsin Department of Revenue
Attn: Veteran's Credit
PO Box 8906
Madison, WI 53708-8906

Example: On January 1, 2020, you apply for verification with the WDVA. If approved, you may file a claim for the tax credit for tax years beginning in 2020. The deadline to file a claim for the credit for tax year 2020 is April 15, 2025. If WDVA does not make a final determination on your eligibility status in time for you to file a claim for the credit by April 15, 2025, you may no longer file a claim for the credit for the 2020 tax year. However, if you request an extension with DOR before April 15, 2025, you may extend the deadline for claiming the credit for the 2020 tax year until the final determination from WDVA is made.

Additional Information

Additional information about the tax credit is available at: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/ise-veterans.aspx>.

Applicable Laws and Rules

This document provides statements or interpretations of the following laws and regulations enacted as of July 27, 2020: Chapter 71, Wis. Stats.

Laws enacted and in effect after July 27, 2020, new administrative rules, and court decisions may change the interpretations in this document. Guidance issued prior to July 27, 2020, that is contrary to the information in this document is superseded by this document, pursuant to sec. 73.16(2)(a), Wis. Stats.

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