

Buying and Selling Your Property

If you sell your exempt property, you MUST notify SCDOR and report that the property has been sold. Without notice from you, SCDOR will continue to have your old property on record.

If you purchase property, you must notify SCDOR in order to update your exemption. SCDOR must receive notice when your property changes so that your current property is listed on file.

IMPORTANT: If you transfer your exempt license plate from one vehicle to another, you must notify SCDOR. SCDOR tracks vehicle exemptions based on VINs, not plates, and will not update your exemption if you simply transfer a license plate.

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Property Exemptions for 100% Permanently & Totally Disabled Veterans in Beaufort County

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What is the Exemption?

According to South Carolina law §12-37-220, qualifying veterans may be granted an exemption from paying ad valorem taxes on their permanent dwelling home that is on a piece of land not to exceed one acre in size and two private passenger vehicles. The vehicles can either be owned outright or leased by the qualifying veteran. This vehicle exemption **does not** extend to camper trailers, boats, or all-terrain vehicles.

Please note that while qualifying veterans can get an exemption for the ad valorem taxes themselves, they would still be responsible for paying any fees assessed on real or personal property tax bills. These fees can include Stormwater fees, DMV plate renewal fees, road paving fees, and any district-specific special usage fees.

Who Qualifies?

To receive an exemption on a permanent dwelling home, state law defines qualifying veterans as:

- Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to service-related disability
- Medal of Honor recipients
- Former Prisoners of War (POW) in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

To receive an exemption on two private passenger vehicles, state law defines qualifying veterans as:

- Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to service-related disability
- Medal of Honor recipients
- Former Prisoners of War (POW) in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict

If the property is held in trust and the beneficiary of the trust meets the qualifications, the property may qualify for both exemptions.

Surviving spouses of qualifying veterans who do not remarry and hold ownership of the property are also eligible for exemptions on a dwelling home and ONE vehicle.

Applying for Your Exemption

In order to apply for the exemption, you must submit an application (a PT-401I) to the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR). The application may be found on their website.

Veterans Affairs may also help you apply. For any questions concerning the application or to confirm that you have the proper documentation, please contact the Office of Veteran's Affairs and make an appointment.

If SCDOR approves the exemption, you will receive a written approval letter. Bring the vehicle exemption approval letter to the Auditor's Office to inquire about exempting your current vehicle tax bills or to apply for any refunds for which you may be eligible. If you receive an approval letter for your real property, submit it to the Assessor's Office for review.

