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Wisconsin Veterans & Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit

The *Wisconsin Veterans & Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit* provides eligible veterans and unremarried, surviving spouses a refundable property tax credit for their primary, in-state residence.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the veteran's eligibility for the program. The credit is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue through the state income tax return.

The definitions of an **eligible veteran** and an **eligible unremarried surviving spouse** are *expanded* to include:

- A veteran who had been a Wisconsin resident for a consecutive 5-year period after entering active duty or was a Wisconsin resident when entering active duty.
- The veteran must have either Service Connected Disability (SCD) rating of 100 percent under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or a 100% disability rating based on individual unemployability. *Individual unemployability* means a condition under which a veteran has an SCD rating of either 60% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or two or more SCD conditions where one condition has at least a 40% scheduler rating and the combined scheduler rating for all conditions is at least 70%, and has an administrative adjustment added to the SCD, due to individual unemployability, such that the VA rates the veteran 100% disabled.
- Effective for taxable years, beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The Wisconsin Property Tax Credit is extended to include the unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran, who following the veteran's death, began to receive and continues to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Federal VA.
- The age requirement was eliminated.

Applicants who believe they may qualify should contact their local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). The Waukesha County Veterans' Service Office is located in the Health & Human Service Center, 514 Riverview Ave, Waukesha, WI 53188, or call 262-548-7732.

Also, see our web site at www.waukeshacounty.gov/veterans.