

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Veterans Services

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Description of Agency

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services is responsible to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs on behalf of the Governor for the establishment, operation, administration, and maintenance of offices and programs related to services for Virginia-domiciled veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their eligible spouses, orphans, and dependents. Services include, but not limited to, benefits claims processing, transition and education services, veteran and family support services, and all medical care centers and cemeteries for veterans owned and operated by the Commonwealth.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 7176	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Policy and Guidelines for Commissioners of the Revenue and other Assessing Officials	
Brief Overview This document implements the Code of Virginia §§ 58.1-3219.5 through 58.1-3219.16, and provides guidance to Commonwealth veterans, surviving spouses of qualified veterans, and to Commissioners of Revenue and assessing officials on the administration of the various real estate tax exemptions applicable to them. It also provides guidance on real estate tax exemptions available to the qualified surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces of the United States killed in action or who died in the line of duty. It incorporates the official advisory opinions of the Attorney General. These regulations are designed to promote uniformity in the application and qualification process for those citizens who qualify for the real property tax exemption as provided for in Article X, Section 6-A of the Constitution of Virginia, and Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Finally, this document also provides guidance on the personal property tax exemption for veterans rated 100% permanent and totally disabled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Updates and streamlines existing guidance document. Reorganized the way information is presented to facilitate ease of access
Expected Date	Updated in May 2023. Next review May 2024

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 6218/9979	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 100% Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Exemption 1 VAC 80-10-100	
Brief Overview The Code of Virginia does not grant the appeal right to the Commissioner, Virginia Department of Veterans Services, related to Real Property Tax exemption for a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran, therefore 1VAC80-10-100 must be amended to remove the words Surviving Spouse	
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Deregulatory Component	Amends VAC to align with the Code of Virginia and provides updated contact information, making it easier for veterans to connect with the agency.
Expected Date	July 2023