



DEPLOYED MILITARY EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR 2026

Section 20 of House Bill 7031E
Section 196.173, Florida Statute

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Due to the county property appraiser by **August 1, 2026**.

Florida Law provides an additional ad valorem exemption on the homestead of servicemembers who were deployed outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of main or subordinate military operations designated by the Florida Legislature.

If more than one owner of the homestead was deployed, each deployed servicemember should complete a separate application.

COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Servicemember's name		Spouse's name	
*Social security #		*Spouse's social security #	
Parcel ID, if known		County	
Phone			
Homestead address		Mailing address, if different	

*Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. It is required by s. 196.011(1)(b), F.S. The social security number will be used to verify taxpayer identity and exemption information submitted to the property appraiser.

For the 2026 exemption calculation, servicemembers may include the days he or she was on a qualifying deployment during 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Military operations added by Section 20 of House Bill 7031E. If you were deployed in military operations listed below, enter the dates deployed for those years and the designated operation served:

- Operation Atlantic Sentry, which began in April 2014 [Formerly named Atlantic Resolve].
- Operation European Assure, Deter and Reinforce, formerly known as European Reassurance Initiative/European Deterrence Initiative, which began in 2014.
- Operations in Israel and Gaza Strip's Mediterranean Territorial Seas and Air Spaces, which began in March 2023.
- Operations in support of Pacific Deterrence Initiative, which began in 2021.
- Operation Southern Spear, which began in 2025.
- Operation Sharp Sentry, which began in 2010.
- Operations by the Multinational Force and Observers, which began in 1981.

For an exemption in 2026, list the dates you were deployed for the calendar year **2025**:

From _____/_____/2025 to _____/_____/2025, for a total of _____ days.

Name of designated operation you were deployed to in 2025: _____

For an exemption in 2026, list the dates you were deployed for the calendar year **2024**:

From _____/_____/2024 to _____/_____/2024, for a total of _____ days

Name of operation served in 2024: _____

For an exemption in 2026, list the dates you were deployed for the calendar year **2023**:

From _____/_____/2023 to _____/_____/2023, for a total of _____ days

Name of operation served in 2023: _____

☐ I have attached proof of qualifying deployment. (Information must include dates of the qualifying deployment)

☐ I am applying after the deadline because: (Add documentation, if needed.) 		
Signature	Print name	Date
Signature is by ☐ Servicemember ☐ Spouse ☐ Designee under Chapter 709, F.S. ☐ Personal representative		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Subsection (4) of Section 20 of HB 7031E, provides for a refund of property taxes paid for the 2024 or 2025 tax year, or both, if a servicemember was on qualifying deployments for military operations added by this act for a total of more than 365 days during the 2023, 2024, and 2025 calendar years. If applicable, the county tax collector will issue a refund to the applicant.

If this application was filed on time and is denied, the property appraiser will send you a notice of disapproval, (*Notice of Disapproval of Application for Property Tax Exemption or Classification by the County Property Appraiser, Form DR-490*). You have the right to appeal the decision by filing a request for hearing (use Form DR-486, *Petition to Value Adjustment Board - Request for Hearing*) with the Value Adjustment Board in your county. (Forms incorporated by reference in Rule 12D-16.002, F.A.C.).

Such petition must be filed on or before the 25th day after the property appraiser mails the notice required under s. 194.011(1), Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding s. 194.013, Florida Statutes, the servicemember is not required to pay a filing fee for such petition. Upon reviewing the petition, the value adjustment board may grant the exemption if the applicant is qualified for the exemption and demonstrates extenuating circumstances, as determined by the board, which warrant granting the exemption.

COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER:

If the applicant is eligible for the exemption and the application was timely filed, review, sign, and date the application. If a refund is owed, forward a copy of the application to the tax collector to verify the taxes and process the refund.

Provide a copy of this application, containing the property appraiser’s determination, to the applicant.

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☐ Approved for _____ days, proof of qualifying deployment and dates of deployment met the requirements. ☐ Denied or _____ Explain: _____ ☐ Denied in part. ☐ Late application. The reason for filing late was ☐ accepted or ☐ rejected.	
_____ Signature, property appraiser or deputy	_____ Date
Calculation: Days deployed that exceed 365 days during the 2023, 2024, and 2025 tax years _____ / 730 Days in period X 100 = _____ % exempted (% of exemption cannot exceed 100%)	