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Senior Citizen, Disabled, and Surviving Spouse: The State Constitution authorizes an annual property tax deduction from the property taxes levied on a dwelling owned and occupied by a qualified senior citizen, a person less than 65 who is permanently and totally disabled, or a person who is the surviving spouse of a qualified senior or disabled person. In order to qualify, persons must be residents of the State of New Jersey, reside in the property for which the deduction is claimed, and have an income not exceeding \$10,000 annually, excluding Social Security or a comparable governmental retirement or disability program not to exceed the equivalency under Social Security.

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Veteran's Exemption: The State Constitution provides for a tax exemption for a qualified veteran and/or their surviving spouse. To qualify, the veteran must be 100% permanently and totally disabled due to their war time injuries and received an honorable discharge.

** November 3, 2020, an amendment to the State Constitution was approved by ballot vote. This amendment implemented Public Law 2019, chapter. 413 which provides that N.J. resident honorably discharged disabled veterans, or their surviving spouses no longer need to serve during a specific war period or other emergency to receive the property tax exemption. This Act amends P.L. 1948, c. 259, and supplements chapter 4 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes

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Veteran's Deduction: The State Constitution also provides for a tax deduction for qualified veterans and/or their surviving spouse. To qualify, the veteran must have served during a designated time of war and must have received an honorable discharge.

**November 3, 2020, an amendment to the State Constitution was approved by ballot vote. This amendment implemented Public Law 2019 chapter 413 which provides that N.J. resident honorably discharged veterans, or their surviving spouses no longer need to serve during a specific war period or other emergency to receive the annual \$250 property tax deduction. This Act amends P.L. 1963, c. 171, and supplements chapter 4 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes.

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The following relief programs are administered by the New Jersey State Division of Taxation and may be affected by State budgetary restrictions. You must call the numbers listed for applications and/or information regarding these programs.

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Property Tax Reimbursement Program: During 1998, legislation was passed to authorize a freeze in property taxes for qualified senior citizens. This program is administered by the Division of Taxation, which should be contacted at 1-800-882-6597 or visit their website <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/> for applications or additional information.

Homestead Rebate: This program was formerly administered, in part, by the local tax office, but has been modified over the years and is now administered by the Division of Taxation through NJ income tax returns (Form HR-1040 and NJ-1040 if required). Homeowners and tenants who pay property taxes on their principal residence in New Jersey either directly, or through rent payments and whose gross income does not exceed \$200,000 and \$100,000, respectively, may be eligible. For information on Homestead Rebates, you must call the Homestead Rebate Info Line at **1-800-323-4400** or visit their site <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml>

The following process is administered by the Essex County Board of Taxation:

Property Tax Appeals: Property owners who wish to contest the equity of their assessed value may file a petition with the Essex County Board of Taxation on or before April 1. Petitions and instructions for filing are available directly from the Tax Assessor's Office and the Essex County Board of Taxation.

The Essex County Board of Taxation is located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd Room 230 Newark, NJ 07102, and can be reached by telephone at **973-395-8525**.

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If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to ask.

Very truly yours,

Christopher L. Murray