VETERANS' CREDIT QUALIFICATIONS SAMPLE WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR VETERANS' CREDIT WORKSHEET

House Bill 410 effective June 3, 2006 now requires the following change to RSA 72:34. Investigation of Application and Decision by Town Officials; "II. For those exemptions having income or asset limitations, the assessing officials may request true copies of any documents as needed to verify eligibility. Unless otherwise provided for by law, all documents submitted with an application or as requested, as provided for in paragraphs I and II, and any copies shall be considered confidential, handled so as to protect the privacy of the individual, and not used for any purpose other than the specific statutory purposes for which the information was originally obtained. All documents and copies of such documents submitted by the applicant shall be returned to the applicant after a decision is made on the application."

The change to this law now requiring all documentation and any copies thereof submitted in support of an application for a Tax Exemption or a Tax Credit be returned to the applicant upon decision of the Assessing Officials has required DRA to devise a plan of action regarding our duties pursuant to RSA 21-J:11-a.

There are two primary reasons for this worksheet.

The first reason is to equip Municipalities with an easy to use format that includes all the statutory requirements for qualification for three Veterans' Tax Credits. Namely: RSA 72:28, The Regular Veterans' Credit, RSA 72:29-a, Surviving Spouse of Veteran Who was Killed or Who Died While on Active Duty, and RSA 72:35, Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability. This worksheet asks for no personal ID numbers and therefore is not considered a confidential document. Each of the Veterans' Credits has its own section on the worksheet. Simply fill in each blank of the appropriate section with the pertinent information from the Form DD 214 or other qualifying form from the list. A link to the DRA website is provided on the worksheet. When properly completed, you will have a permanent record of the statutory qualifications of each application for a Veteran's Tax Credit in your municipality.

The worksheet contains all the statutory requirements. This takes most of the guesswork out of the qualification process. It records the actual period of time the applicant had on active duty to ensure that at least 90 days of active duty service was spent in any qualifying war or armed conflict. It asks for verification that the veteran be honorably discharged from military service. There is a place to record what medals were awarded, if the duration of active duty service fell within a time period in the statue that requires the award of a specific medal. There are also provisions to record whether the application was approved or denied, the date of approval or denial; the person reviewing the application and who ultimately approved the application.

The second reason is that when it comes time for your next Assessment Review you will have a complete history that will be acceptable for compliance for a review of those receiving the Veterans' Tax Credit.