

**The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services**

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**Limited-Run Curbside Property Tax Certificate**

**Drive-Up Service Continues in Albuquerque**

***Veterans, Unmarried Widows of Veterans Asked to Bring***

***Proof of Veteran Status & NM Residency***

**ALBUQUERQUE--**The New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is continuing a two-week daily curbside property tax certificate drive-up service in Albuquerque from April 19-23 from 1pm-4pm in the parking lot of its northeast heights office at 5201 Eagle Rock NE.

The service continues April 26-30 from 9am-noon.

DVS staff, wearing safety masks in adherence to ongoing state COVID-19 safety protocol, will provide curbside “car hop-style” service for the filing of the state veterans property tax exemption or property waiver for Bernalillo County veterans or unmarried surviving spouses of veterans.

This veteran’s property tax exemption is a $4,000 reduction off the taxable value of the primary residence of a veteran or unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran. Veterans rated by the VA with a 100% service-connected permanent-and-total disability can have their property tax liability waived.

Veterans living in Bernalillo County may also be entitled to a $2,000 “head of household” exemption offered by the county.

DVS staff will print the necessary certificates needed while the veteran or unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran remain in their vehicles—who must wear a safety mask while being served by DVS staff.

Veterans and surviving spouses of veterans must bring a copy of one of the following forms to show veteran status:

* DD-214
* National Guard form NGB-22
* National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) form 56-16
* Public Health Service (PHS) for 1867

If filing for a disabled veteran tax waiver:

* VA award letter declaring 100% permanent and total service-connected disability

For proof of New Mexico residency, please bring one of the following:

* Current NM driver’s license
* Voter registration card
* Latest NM income tax return

For more information, contact DVS at (505) 383-2400 or nmdvs.info@state.nm.us

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