



T O W N O F F R E E T O W N

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING VETERANS TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM (M.G.L. CH. 59, §5N)

Established by a vote of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, the Veterans Tax Work-off Program is open to any veteran, as defined by MGL Ch. 4 § 7 clause 43, who owns property in and pays real estate taxes to the Town of Freetown.

Eligibility Criteria:

- o Be a veteran of the United States armed forces (a copy of your DD-214 is required).
- o Own and occupy the property as your principal residence.*
- o If the veteran does not own the home, his/her spouse must own the home.
- o If the home is in a trust, the veteran and/or spouse must be a trustee of the trust.
- o Property may not be in Tax Title or delinquent in property taxes.

A veteran who is unable to perform volunteer service him/herself may designate a spouse to volunteer on their behalf. A veteran unable to perform the service and without a spouse able to perform the service may designate a substitute, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

** Residency will be verified against the voter registration records of the Town Clerk's office and/or motor vehicle registration records of the Board of Assessors.*

Compensation:

- o The rate of compensation for volunteer service is fixed at the state minimum wage.
- o You may not earn more than \$1500 per year in volunteer credit.
- o Maximum hours will be determined by dividing \$1500 by the current minimum wage.
- o Credit earned is **not** subject to **Massachusetts** income tax, but **is** subject to **federal** income tax.

Placement:

- o Acceptance into the program does not guarantee work will be available.
- o There will be a two-week probationary period to assess whether placement is working out.
- o You may not work for a department in which you would be supervised by a relative.
- o Some departments may require that you or your substitute complete a CORI check before starting.

Program year runs January 1st to October 31st. Credit earned will be applied to February and May property tax bills. (Example: Work performed in June 2021 will be credited in February/May 2022.)



TOWN OF FREETOWN

APPLICATION FOR VETERANS TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM (M.G.L. CH. 59, §5N)

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| Veteran's Name | Veteran's Home Telephone |
| Veteran's Residential Address | Veteran's Cell Phone |
| Veteran's Mailing Address, if different | Veteran's E-mail |
| Name of Spouse/Substitute, if applicable | Veteran's Social Security Number |

| | YES | NO |
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| Are you a veteran as defined by M.G.L. Chapter 4, §7, cl. 43? | _____ | _____ |
| Are you, or is your spouse, a homeowner in Freetown? | _____ | _____ |
| Is your home in Freetown your primary residence? | _____ | _____ |
| Can your residence be verified by voter registration or vehicle registration? | _____ | _____ |
| Do you own a second home? | _____ | _____ |
| Do you have a driver's license? | _____ | _____ |
| Do you have a commercial driver's license? | _____ | _____ |

Occupation, or prior occupation if retired: _____

Please list a minimum of three skills/vocational skills: _____

Please list any special licenses (hoisting engineer, etc.): _____

Please list any medical restrictions: _____

Please list any days/times you are **not** available: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return this form, along with a copy of your DD-214, to the Board of Assessors.