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TO: County Veterans Service Offices
Tribal Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: County/Tribe Tax Abatement Verification Form for the Veterans and Unremarried Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit Program

The new WDVA 2096 County/Tribe Tax Abatement Verification form is ready for use by CVSOs who have an active accreditation with the USDVA under the authority granted in section 5902 of title 38, United States Code. The form can be used in lieu of the "Tax Abatement" letter acquired from the USDVA for the purpose of applying for the Veterans and Unremarried Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit.

The purpose of this form is to streamline the Veteran Disability Rating verification process, which in turn will reduce the application determination processing time for any Veteran, Unremarried Surviving Spouse and/or those in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) who submits an application for certification of the Property Tax Credit benefit to the WDVA. The form was developed in consultation with the County Veterans Service Officer Association of Wisconsin (CVSOA-WI).

Other than using the form in lieu of the Tax Abatement letter, there are no changes in the submission process for certification. Along with the form, ensure that all supporting documentation accompanies the application for certification.

A widow's and Veteran's request for 'Tax Abatement Letter' (pages 9 and 10 of the <u>WDVA B0106</u> brochure) will still be active and available for applications that are submitted directly to the WDVA by Veterans, Unremarried Surviving Spouses and those in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). It will also still be available for use by CVSOs who have not attained the proper accreditation and/or for those who prefer to use the old method instead of the new form.

For questions regarding the new form, please contact Brian Jones at (608)-267-1782 or email him at brian.jones@dva.wisconsin.gov.