

Non-Resident Library Services for Veterans Cheat Sheet

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Veterans that meet certain eligibility requirements and live in an area unserved by a local library are entitled to a non-resident library card without a fee. Further information can be found in Sections 16 and 17 of the Public Library Non-Resident Services FAQ provided by the Illinois State Library.

A veteran with a service-connected disability of at least 70% who is exempt from paying property taxes on their primary residence due to the Homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities is entitled to a non-resident library card without having to pay a fee.

In addition, the non-resident fee shall not apply to veterans with a service-related disability of at least 70% who do not own their principal residence and who reside outside of a public library service area.

The veteran shall present documentation of disability of at least 70% from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs when applying for their non-resident card.

The normal rules for creating non-resident cards apply to Cards for Vets. See the RSA User Accounts Policy.

RSA has 4 User Profiles available to create a Cards for Vets account:

Policy Name	Description	Card Expires	Card Fee
C4-VETS-5	Cards for Vets - 3 year - \$5 block	3 years	\$0.00
C4-VETS-10	Cards for Vets - 3 year - \$10 block	3 years	\$0.00
C4-VETS-15	Cards for Vets - 3 year - \$15 block	3 years	\$0.00
C4-VETS-20	Cards for Vets - 3 year - \$20 block	3 years	\$0.00

These profiles will circulate by your library's default rule. If you would like to add and/or create circulation rules for these profiles, please contact the RSA Help Desk at help@rsanfp.org or 866-940-4083.