

Question and Answers

TOPIC(S):

Debts in divorce

QUESTION:

1. Can I exclude a debt awarded to an ex-spouse assigned in a divorce decree/legal separation document?

ANSWER:

You are good to exclude debts assigned in a divorce decree.

5. Debts and Obligations, continued

c. Analysis of Debts and Obligations, continued

If a married Veteran wants to obtain the loan in his or her name only, the Veteran may do so without regard to the spouse's debts and obligations in a non-community property state. However, in community property states, the spouse's debts and obligations must be considered even if the Veteran wishes to obtain the loan in his or her name only. See Topic 2, subsection c of this chapter.

Debts assigned to an ex-spouse by a **divorce** decree will not generally be charged against a borrower. This includes debts that are now delinquent.