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tr.v. **ex·empt·ed**, **ex·empt·ing**, **ex·empts**

1. To free from an obligation, duty, or liability to which others are subject: *exempting the disabled from military service.*

2. *Obsolete* To set apart; isolate.
adj.

1. Freed from an obligation, duty, or liability to which others are subject; excused: *persons exempt from jury duty; income exempt from taxation; a beauty somehow exempt from the aging process.*

2. Not subject to certain federal workplace laws or protections, especially those requiring overtime compensation: *exempt employees.*

3. *Obsolete* Set apart; isolated.
n.

One who is exempted from an obligation, duty, or liability.

[Middle English *exempten*, from Old French *exempter*, from *exempt*, exempt, from Latin *exemptus*, past participle of *eximere*, to take out; see [EXAMPLE](#).]

ex·empt i·ble *adj.*

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