

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

A residence homestead exemption eliminates a portion or the entirety of a property's value from taxation for property tax purposes. If you meet the eligibility criteria, these exemptions grant you tax benefits on the property.

WHO QUALIFIES?

- You must own and occupy the home as your primary residence on January 1st in the year that you apply for the homestead exemption.
- You may apply for a prorated homestead exemption in the year you purchase and occupy the home if the property was not claimed as a homestead by the previous owner i.e. the property was a rental or is a new construction home.
- You may only claim one property as homestead in Texas or in any other state at a time.
- Only individual homeowners (not corporations or other entities) may receive a homestead exemption. Family Trusts may qualify, check with the local appraisal district for requirements.
- A homestead can be a house, condominium, or a manufactured home together with land also owned by the homeowner and used as a yard or for another purpose related to the residential use of the home.

HOW DO HOMEOWNERS APPLY?

- Complete the Application for Residential Homestead Exemption. The application is available on the websites of most county appraisal districts, or at the [Texas Comptroller's website](#).

- Include a copy of your DRIVER'S LICENSE or IDENTIFICATION CARD from the [Texas Department of Public Safety](#). The address MUST MATCH the homestead address.
- Take a copy of the RECORDED DEED in case the Appraisal District has not yet updated court records.
- Provide documentation of veteran or disabled status if claiming this exemption.

ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS

- Disabled individual
- Age 65 or older
- Surviving spouse of an individual who qualifies for age 65 or older
- Disabled Veterans
- Surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who qualifies or would have qualified

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