

What is a homestead exemption?

A homestead exemption removes part of the value of your home and reduces your property taxes by lowering its taxable value. The homestead exemption entitles the homeowner to a \$25,000 reduction in value for school tax purposes. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may offer homestead exemptions up to 20% of the total value. For example, if your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$25,000 homestead exemption, you will only pay taxes as if it were worth only \$25,000 for school tax.

How to print a Homestead Exemption Application form?

The Residence Homestead Exemption Application form is available from the details page of your account. To locate your account, select [Search Appraisals](#) from the Home page (Navigation Links). You may search for your account by owner, by account or by address. Click the [BLUE property address](#) link to view the details of your account. Select the link **“Print Homestead Exemption Form”**.

Can I file my homestead exemption online?

You may be eligible to apply **online** for the Homestead Exemption if you are a single or a married homeowner applying for the current calendar year. If eligible, select the link to **“File Homestead Exemption Online”** from the details page of your account.

What exemptions are available to Homeowners?

General Residence Homestead is available if you own and occupy your home on the date you request the exemption; and you or your spouse have not claimed or receive a homestead exemption on any other property in Texas or in another state. You are required to include with the application a copy of your Texas driver’s license or Texas ID card.

Age 65 or older or Disabled homeowners may be entitled to an additional property tax exemption available immediately upon qualification. If you qualify for both of these exemptions, you must choose one or the other, you cannot receive both exemptions from the same taxing unit in the same tax year. However, you may receive both exemptions from different taxing units. For school tax purposes, there is an additional \$10,000 exemption on your home. If you qualify for the Age 65 or older or the Disabled Person exemption, you are also entitled to a school tax **ceiling** that automatically sets the limit for school taxes. A County, City or Junior College may also adopt to grant a tax limitation or ceiling. You may transfer the percentage of the school tax ceiling of your former home to a new home. If the age 65 or older homeowner dies, the surviving spouse may continue to receive the exemption if the surviving spouse is age 55 or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home and applies for the exemption. The surviving spouse of a person receiving the Disabled Person Exemption may be entitled to the tax limitation if the surviving spouse is age 55 or older at the time of death and the residence homestead was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse on the date the individual dies and remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse and applies for the exemption.

100% Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse homeowners may qualify for a 100% exemption of the total appraised value of their residence homestead. To qualify you must be a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor: 1) 100% disability compensation due to service-connected disability; and 2) a rating of 100% disabled or of individual unemployability; or if you are a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who qualified for the 100% Disabled Veteran exemption at the time of death and 1) you have not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran and 2) the property was your residence homestead when the disabled veteran died and remains your residence homestead. A surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Services who is *killed in action* or fatally injured in the line of duty or a surviving spouse of a *first responder killed in the line of duty* is allowed a 100% percent exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed service member or first responder. A separate application is required.

Partially Disabled Veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of 10% or more, their surviving spouses, and surviving minor children may receive an exemption which may be applied to any one property owned on January 1. Exemptions range from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran’s property value. An additional partial exemption is offered for a residence homestead donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veteran, or not more than 50% of the market value as of the donation date (applies to your homestead only). The amount for both exemptions depends on the service-connected disability rating for which the Veterans Administration benefits are received. A separate application is required.

What is the deadline for filing a Residence Homestead Exemption Application?

Applications must be filed between January 1 and April 30 of the year for which you are claiming the exemption and include all required documentation. Applications cannot be filed *before* the date you qualify for the exemption. Late applications for a residence homestead exemption will be accepted if filed no later than 2 years after the tax delinquency date for the tax year you are claiming the exemption.

Exemption applications are **not** accepted by email or facsimile. There is **NO FEE** to file an exemption application or to file a late exemption application. Para ayuda en español, llame por favor 214-631-0910.