



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS REDUCE YOUR TAXES

All homeowners are looking for ways to reduce the cost of owning a home. The homestead exemption, available through your local appraisal district, helps you accomplish this by reducing a portion of the property taxes assessed against your home.

BEST OF ALL - - - THERE IS NO COST TO YOU!

General Residence Homestead Exemption

You may qualify for this exemption if you **owned** and **occupied** the property as your principal residence on the date you request the exemption and you and your spouse have not claimed a residence homestead exemption on any other property in Texas or in another state for the year application is made. You are required to include, with the application, a copy of your TX driver's license or TX ID card. You may be exempt from this requirement if you reside in a facility that provides services for health, infirmity or aging (proof required); or a certified participant of the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) administered by the Attorney General's Office for victims of family violence, sexual assault or stalking (proof of participation required). The address listed on your TX driver's license or TX ID card must **match** your homestead address. This requirement may be waived if you hold a driver's license under §521.121 (c) or §521.1211 for federal or state judges and spouse or peace officers; or for active duty members of the U.S. armed services and spouse (proof required).

Age 65 or Older Exemption

If you are age 65 or older, you may qualify immediately for the Age 65 or Older exemption. If you had the Age 65 or Older exemption at your previous address, you may qualify to transfer your school district tax ceiling and exemption to your new property. If you qualify for both the Age 65 or older and the Disabled Person 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. The exemption only applies to your homestead.

Disabled Person Exemption

You are eligible for this exemption if you are unable to engage in any substantial gainful work for a continuous period, not less than 12 months, because of a physical or mental disability or you are 55 years old and blind and unable to engage in your previous work because of the blindness. To qualify, you must meet the Social Security definition of a disabled person. You qualify if you receive disability benefits under the Federal-Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program administered by the Social Security Administration. Disability benefits from any other program do not automatically qualify you. Proof of your disability is required including the date your disability began. If you qualify for both the Age 65 or older and the Disabled Person 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. The exemption only applies to your homestead.

Tax Deferral Available For Age 65 or Older, Disabled, or Disabled Veteran Homeowners

Homeowners who qualify for the Age 65 or Older, Disabled Person, or Disabled Veteran exemption may postpone paying taxes on their homestead property by filing the Tax Deferral Affidavit. This deferral only postpones the taxes on your homestead property but does not cancel them. Taxes continue to accrue interest at five (5) percent annually. When the homeowner no longer owns and resides in the home, the deferred taxes and interest become due. If you have an existing mortgage, please contact your mortgage company/lender **before** filing for the tax deferral. Filing a deferral may *not* stop the mortgage company from paying your taxes.

Disabled Veteran Exemption (Tax Code §11.22)

If you are a veteran who was disabled while serving with the U.S. armed forces or the surviving spouse or child (under 18 years of age and unmarried) of a disabled veteran or of a member of the armed forces who was killed while on active duty, you may qualify for this exemption. You must be a Texas resident with a veteran's disability rating of at least 10%. You may apply this exemption to any **one** property you own on January 1.

Disabled Veteran with 100% Disability

You may qualify for an exemption of the total appraised value of your residence homestead, if you are a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent or of individual unemployability. If you qualify for this exemption, you may receive the exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately on qualification for the exemption. The benefit may extend to a surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. A separate application is required and only applies to your homestead.

Applications

You must file the completed application with all required documentation between January 1 and April 30 of the tax year for which you are claiming the exemption. You may file a late application for all residence homestead exemptions, including a 100% disabled veteran homestead exemption, no later than two years after the tax delinquency date. You may file a late application for a Disabled Veteran Exemption (Tax Code §11.22) no later than five years after the tax delinquency date, except for Surviving Spouse who may file no later than two years after the delinquency date.. Certain property owners may be eligible to **apply online** for the Homestead Exemption, go to www.dallascad.org for details. You may print all other applications from our website or call 214-631-0910.

THERE IS NO FEE TO FILE AN APPLICATION

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