

# FAQS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION IN TEXAS

**Q: WHY SHOULD I FILE FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?**

A: A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION EXCLUDES ALL OR PART OF A PROPERTY'S VALUE FROM PROPERTY TAXATION. THIS WILL ULTIMATELY RESULT IN LOWER PROPERTY TAXES.

**Q: WHEN SHOULD I FILE FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?**

A: YOU MAY NOW APPLY AS SOON AS YOU CLOSE ON YOUR HOME, WHICH IS NEW FOR 2022.

**Q: WHERE SHOULD I FILE MY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?**

A: THE COUNTY IN WHICH YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

**Q: ARE THERE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?**

A: YOU MUST OWN YOUR HOME AND IT MUST QUALIFY AS A RESIDENCE ON JANUARY 1ST OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. TO BE A QUALIFYING RESIDENCE, THE HOME MUST BE COMPLETE AND HABITABLE ON JANUARY 1ST. YOU MUST PROVIDE A VALID TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENCE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD. THE ADDRESS **MUST** MATCH THE HOMESTEAD ADDRESS.

**Q: IS THERE A FEE TO FILE A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?**

A: NO THERE IS NOT A FEE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. IF YOU RECEIVE ANYTHING IN THE MAIL STATING OTHERWISE YOU SHOULD DISREGARD IT AS THAT CLAIM IS A SCAM.

# Filing for a Property Tax Exemption in Texas

## STEPS TO FILE FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- 1 Complete the application for residential homestead exemption. You can find the application on the websites of most county appraisal districts, or at the Texas Comptroller's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf).
- 2 Include a copy of your driver's license or identification card from the Texas Department of Public Safety at [txdps.state.tx.us](http://txdps.state.tx.us). The address MUST match the address of the property you are filing the exemption for.

## EXEMPTION TYPES

- 1 Homestead
- 2 Agricultural Land
- 3 Disabled Individual
- 4 Disabled Veteran
- 5 Over 65

## REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- 1 You may now apply as soon as you close on your home, which is new for 2022 and the result of legislative action for the State of Texas. Prior to 2022, a homeowner had to wait until the following year to apply.
- 2 You must own your home and it must qualify as a residence on January 1st of the year for which you are applying. To be a qualifying residence, the home must be complete and habitable on January 1st. A new home under construction would not meet this standard and would not qualify until the following year.
- 3 You may only claim one property in Texas at a time as a homestead.
- 4 Only individual homeowners (not corporations or other entities) may receive a homestead exemption. Family trusts may qualify. We recommend checking with the local appraisal district for requirements.
- 5 A homestead can be a house, condominium, or manufactured home. It can include up to 20 acres, if the land is also owned by the homeowner and used as a yard, or for another purpose related to the residential use of the home.
- 6 You only need to submit the application one time when the property is your homestead.

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