

TEXAS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homestead Exemptions are granted by the county appraisal district where the property is located. The exemption reduces the appraised value of your home, and as a result, lower your property taxes. Homestead exemptions are to prevent the forced sale of a home to meet the demands of creditors, to provide the surviving spouse with shelter, and to provide an exemption from property taxes which can be applied to a home.

To qualify for a Homestead Exemption, you must:

- Own your home on January 1st of the year for which you are applying.
- The home must be your principal residence on January 1st of that year, and you cannot claim any other property as homestead.
- Only individual homeowners may receive a homestead exemption.
- A homestead can be a house, condominium or a manufactured house. 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.
- You have from January 1st until April 30th to apply.

How to apply for a Homestead Exemption, you must:

- Complete the application for residential homestead exemption (available through your county appraisal district or from the Texas Comptroller's website at <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-114.pdf>)
- Make sure you include a copy of your driver's license or identification card with your application. The address on the ID must match the homestead address.

Other exemptions are also available to homeowners who are over 65, disabled, and disabled veterans or survivors.

For more information or to receive an application, contact your local appraisal district office or visit <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-114.pdf>

