

# TEXAS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION



## DO I, AS A HOMEOWNER, GET A TAX BREAK FROM PROPERTY TAXES?

You have to file an application and supporting documentation for a residence homestead exemption. File the application and supporting documentation with the appraisal district office in each county in which the property is located.

## WHAT IS A RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD?

A residence homestead exemption removes a portion of or the total amount of a property's value from taxation for property tax purposes.

Texas offers a variety of partial or total (absolute) exemptions from appraised property values used to determine local taxes. A partial exemption removes a percentage or fixed dollar amount of the property's value from taxation. A total (absolute) exemption excludes the entire property from taxation. Taxing units are mandated by the state to offer certain (mandatory) exemptions and have the option to decide locally on whether or not to offer others.

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?

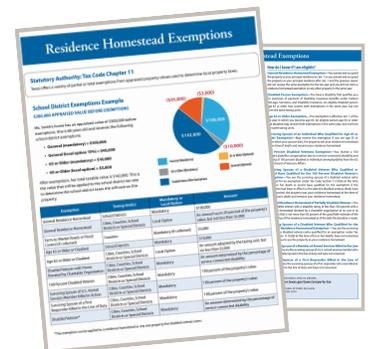
**General Residence Homestead Exemption**—You owned and occupied the property as your principal residence on Jan. 1 or you owned and occupied the property as your principal residence after Jan. 1 and the previous owner did not receive the same exemption for the tax year and you did not claim a residence homestead exemption on any other property in the same year.

**Disabled Person Exemption**—You have a disability that qualifies you for purposes of payment of disability insurance benefits under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance. An eligible disabled person age 65 or older may receive both exemptions in the same year, but not from the same taxing units.

**Age 65 or Older Exemption**—This exemption is effective Jan. 1 of the tax year in which you become age 65. An eligible person age 65 or older and disabled may receive both exemptions in the same year, but not from the same taxing units.

**Surviving Spouse of an Individual Who Qualified for Age 65 or Older Exemption**—May receive this exemption if you are age 55 or older when your spouse died, the property was your residence homestead at the time of death and remains your residence homestead.

**100 Percent Disabled Veteran Exemption**—You receive 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or individual unemployability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



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