



# Homestead Exemptions

## What is a Homestead Exemption?

Homestead exemptions are granted by the county appraisal district where the property is located. The exemption reduces a homeowners' property tax bill by removing part of the home's value from taxation. Other taxing entities may also offer exemptions of some percentage of the home's value. Other exemptions are available to homeowners who are over 65 or disabled, and require the same application process.

## Who Qualifies?

These requirements must be met to receive the exemption:

1. You must reside at the home as your principal residence and not claim an exemption on another residence homestead in or outside Texas within the year you are applying.
2. Only individual homeowners (not corporations or other entities) may receive a homestead exemption.
3. A homestead can be a house, condominium or a 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.

## How do homeowners apply?

1. Complete the APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION available on the website of most county appraisal districts, or at the Texas Controller's website:  
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/>
2. Must provide a valid Texas driver's license or Texas identification card which reflects the property address you are applying for on the application.