



What is a Homestead Exemption?

In Texas, property taxes are calculated based on the appraised value of a property. Exemptions partially or fully reduce the appraised value on which the tax is calculated. All Texas homeowners are entitled to a **residence homestead exemption of \$40,000** for taxes assessed by a school district. (For example, if your property is valued at \$300,000, the school district taxes are calculated as if the value were only \$260,000.) Further exemptions include those available to persons over age 65, those with a qualifying disability, disabled veterans, and certain surviving spouses. Other taxing units may opt to provide additional exemptions.

What Qualifies as a “residence homestead”?

Generally, a residence homestead is a structure (including a mobile home), together with the land (not to exceed 20 acres) that is owned by one or more individuals, either directly or through a beneficial interest in a qualifying trust, and is occupied as the owner’s principal residence.

A person may not receive an exemption for more than one residence homestead in the same year.

How Do Homeowners Apply?

In most cases, the completed application and required documentation are **due no later than April 30** of the tax year for which the owner is applying. As of 2022, a person who acquires a homestead after January 1 of a tax year may receive the exemption for the portion of the tax year that the property qualified as their homestead as long as they apply before the first anniversary of the date they acquired the property.

After the exemption is granted, an owner does not have to reapply to continue to receive the homestead exemption for future years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application in writing, the owner moves to a new residence, or the owner’s qualifications for an exemption change. For more information, contact your local county appraisal district office, or visit <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/exemptions.html>.

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