

Deadline Reminder 2020

# HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS



Due no later than APRIL 30th

## WHAT IS A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?

Homestead Exemptions are granted by the county appraisal district where the property is located. The exemption reduces a homeowner's property tax bill by removing part of the home's value from taxation. All Texas homeowners may receive a General Residence Homestead Exemption on the value of their property for school taxes upon application. 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?

In order to qualify for a Homestead Exemption in Texas:

- You must own your home on January 1st of the year for which you are applying.
- You must reside at the home as your principal residence on January 1st of that year, and not claim any other property as homestead.
- Only individual homeowners (not corporations or other entities) may receive a homestead exemption.
- 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 TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Now this is the most important part! It's important you provide all of the required documents and make sure the documents all show the same home address. Otherwise, your Homestead Exemption will be denied. First, fill out the application specific to your County Appraisal District, then mail all of the documents to the Appraisal District for your County.

1. Download the Residential Homestead Exemption Application for your county:

### Travis County

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 149012, Austin, TX 78714

Travis Central Appraisal District Website:

<https://www.traviscad.org>

### Williamson County

Mailing Address: 625 FM 1460, Georgetown, TX 78626

Williamson Central Appraisal District Website:

<https://www.wcad.org/>

### Hays County

Mailing Address: 21001 IH 35 North, Kyle, Texas 78640

Hays Central Appraisal District Website:

<https://www.hayscad.com/>

2. Include a Copy of your Driver's License or Identification Card. Your driver's license needs to be from the Texas Department of Public Safety (TX DPS) and the address must match the homestead address.



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