

What is a Homestead Exemption?



A homestead exemption in Texas reduces the taxable value of your home, lowering your property taxes. It applies only to your primary residence and cannot be used on rental or vacation properties.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a Texas residential homestead exemption, you must:

- ✓ Own the property as of January 1st of the tax year.
- ✓ Use the property as your primary residence.
- ✓ Ensure the address on your driver's license or ID matches the property address.

Important:

- You can only claim one homestead exemption at a time.
- There is no fee to apply—it's completely FREE.

Types of Homestead Exemptions in Texas

- 1 General Residence Homestead Exemption** - Available to all homeowners on their primary residence.
- 2 Over-65 Exemption** - Additional tax reduction for homeowners 65 or older.
- 3 Disabled Individual Exemption** - For homeowners with a disability (different from a disabled veteran exemption).
- 4 Disabled Veteran Exemption** - Based on the disability rating given by the VA (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).
- 5 Agricultural Land Exemption** - For land used for farming, ranching, or wildlife preservation.

How To Apply for a Homestead Exemption



- 1** Obtain the Application Form
 - Download it from your county's Central Appraisal District (CAD) website.
 - Or, visit your local Appraisal District office to get a copy.
- 2** Gather Required Documents
 - ✓ A completed application form.
 - ✓ A copy of your Texas Driver's License or Texas ID (with the correct address).
- 3** Submit the Application
 - Online: Many counties allow you to submit the form through their website.
 - Mail: Send it to your local Appraisal District office.
 - 🇺🇸 Deadline to Apply: April 30th of the tax year.

Where to File (County Appraisal Districts in North Texas)

- 📍 **Collin County Appraisal District** → www.collincad.org |
☎️ (469) 742-9200
- 📍 **Dallas County Appraisal District** → www.dallascad.org |
☎️ (214) 631-0910
- 📍 **Denton County Appraisal District** → www.dentoncad.com |
☎️ (940) 349-3800
- 📍 **Ellis County Appraisal District** → www.elliscad.org |
☎️ (972) 937-3552
- 📍 **Rockwall County Appraisal District** → www.rockwallcad.com |
☎️ (972) 771-2034
- 📍 **Tarrant County Appraisal District** → www.tad.org |
☎️ (817) 284-0024