

2022 Change to the Texas Residence Homestead Exemption



Effective January 1, 2022, homeowners can now file for and receive homestead exemptions that allow them to save on their property tax starting in the year that the home is purchased, as opposed to waiting until the following January 1. This new change directly benefits homeowners by allowing them to lower their property's taxable value and save on their property taxes as soon they acquire their property.

For more information please contact your local county appraisal district (CAD) or visit <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/exemptions.html>.

How to File

All Texas homeowners can obtain an application for a General Residence Homestead Exemption for their primary residence online at the website of their central appraisal district (CAD), on the Texas Comptroller's website, or in person at the CAD of the county where their property is located. In order to qualify for a residential homestead exemption, a copy of the applicant's driver's license or Texas information card must be included with the application. The address listed on the form of identification **MUST** match the homestead address. Common types of exemptions include a General Homestead, Over 65, Disabled Person, and Disabled Veteran Homestead.

What You Need to Know

1. Beginning on January 1, 2022, a homeowner may apply for a homestead exemption as soon as the property closes. (Previously, the home owner had to wait until January 1 of the following year to apply).
2. You must own your home and it must qualify as your residence on January 1, of the year for which you are applying.
 - To meet the "residence" requirement the home must be complete and habitable on January 1, 2022.
 - This means that a new home, that is still under construction on January 1, 2022, would not meet the requirement and would not qualify for the homestead exemption until the following year.
3. In Texas, a homeowner may only claim ONE property as their homestead.
4. Only individuals may apply and receive a homestead exemption – corporations, companies, or other entities may not receive a homestead exemption.
5. Homestead exemptions may be applicable to homes, condominiums, or manufactured homes (if the manufactured home is affixed to the property).

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