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## Homestead Exemption

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HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED YEAR AROUND. Current year exemptions must be applied for January 2 through March 1. Applications received after March 1 will be processed for the following year.

Welcome to the DeKalb County homestead application web site. This site will allow resident homeowners to file for **Basic Homestead Exemption** to be applied against the taxable value of their home in DeKalb County. You may download and print an application form and then mail it to our office, or you may file your application form online using our e-file feature. For information on additional exemptions, please [click here](#).

You may apply for the Basic Homestead exemption if you own and occupy the home as your legal residence and primary domicile on January 1 of the year in which the exemption is being claimed. The home must be your legal residence for all purposes whatsoever including the registration of your vehicles and filing of your Federal and Georgia State income taxes. You cannot file for homestead exemption on rental property, vacant land, or on more than one property. Homestead exemption applications are accepted year around. Current year exemptions must be applied for January 2 through March 1. Applications received after March 1 will be processed for the following year.

In addition to the basic homestead exemption available to all homeowners, there are special exemptions available for citizens 62 and older, disabled veterans and other disabled persons. You must apply and qualify for these extended exemptions in person at the Tax Commissioner's office. Exemption applications are accepted year around however, current year exemptions must be applied for January 2 through March 1. For more information on eligibility and documentation requirements, please contact our office at (404) 298-4000.

Please read and understand the following information, to determine your eligibility as an applicant for a basic homestead exemption; then follow the directions below in completing your application.

[Top](#)**Legal Definition of the word "applicant" is**

**(a)** A married individual living with their spouse;

**(b)** An individual who is unmarried but who permanently maintains a home for the benefit of one or more other individuals who are related to such individual or dependent wholly or partially upon such individual for support;

**(c)** An individual who is widowed having one or more children and maintaining a home occupied by himself or herself and the child or children;

**(d)** A divorced individual living in a bona fide state of separation and having legal custody of one or more children, when the divorced individual owns and maintains a home for the child or children;

**(e)** An individual who is unmarried or is widowed and who permanently maintains a home owned and occupied by himself or herself.

**Additional information:** State law requires that all owned or leased vehicles must be registered in the county where the owner claims homestead exemption. Persons registering vehicles or claiming homestead exemption in another state or county are not entitled to homestead exemption in DeKalb County. State law provides for only one homestead exemption per immediate family group (husband and wife). Homestead exemption cannot be claimed on rental property. **Remember homestead applications are accepted year around.** Current year exemptions must be applied for January 2 through March 1. Applications received after March 1 will be processed for the following year.

**In order to complete the application you must have the PIN number associated with your Parcel ID.**

You can obtain your **PIN Number** via inserting the **Property Address** or **Parcel ID** of your property located within the [Property Information Section](#).

**Please click here for an [application](#).**

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Once the site has produced your homestead application form, please verify that your name and property address is correct and then complete the application beginning with the question: "Did you own and reside in the home on January 1, 2007?" If you wish to file your application online, simply click the submit button and you will receive a confirmation that can be printed for your records. When filing online, please be sure to print and retain your confirmation.

If you are unable to this application online for any reason, please [click here](#) for an application to be completed and mailed to DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office P.O. Box 100004, Decatur, GA 30032.

In order to submit your application, your motor vehicles must be registered to the county where you claim homestead exemption. By clicking on the submit button you authorize the Tax Commissioner's office to update your vehicle registration to your home address.

Thank you!

