



# Application for Residential Homestead Exemption Instructions

**General, Disability, and Over-55 Surviving Spouse Residential Homestead Exemptions.** You may only apply for residence homestead exemptions on **one** property in a tax year. Fill out the other side of this application completely. To qualify for homestead exemptions, you must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you temporarily move away from your home, you still can qualify for an exemption if you don't establish another principal residence and you intend to return. If you have trouble filling out this form, call the appraisal district. **A list of taxing units and the exemptions they offer is available at our office.**

**Over-65 Exemptions.** You may receive the over-65 homestead exemptions immediately upon qualification for the exemption(s). You must apply before the first anniversary of your qualification date to receive the exemption(s) in that tax year. For example, if you turn 65 on June 1 of the current year, you have until May 31 of the next year to apply for the current tax year's over-65 exemption(s). This special provision only applies to the over-65 exemptions and not to other exemptions for which you may apply.

**Filing Deadlines.** File this application between January 1 and no later than April 30. You may file a late homestead exemption application if you file it no later than one year after the date you paid your taxes on the homestead or the taxes became delinquent, whichever comes first. See the over-65 exemption section above for more on late filing.

**Re-filing.** If the chief appraiser grants the exemption, you do not need to reapply annually. You must reapply, however, if the chief appraiser requires you to do so by sending you a new application asking you to reapply. You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if and when your right to any exemption ends or your qualifications change. You must reapply if you qualify for additional exemptions based on age or disability in the future.

## Step 1: Owner's name and address

Enter the following information

- Name of the owner completing this application.
- This owner's current mailing address and phone number.
- Texas Driver's license number, Texas ID Card, or Social Security number of this owner.
- Percentage of ownership by this owner.
- This owner's birth date.
- Names of other owners and their percentage of ownership. Attach additional sheets if needed.

## Step 2: Describe the property

Enter the information requested. Attach the mobile home title or sales contract if a mobile home.  
Enter, if you wish, the number of acres used for residential purposes.

## Step 3: Check exemptions that apply to you.

Complete by checking the boxes that apply. If you check the disability exemption, attach documents verifying your disability. If a surviving spouse age 55 or older, enter the information requested. The appraisal district may request documents on date of spouse's death.

## Step 4: Answer if applies.

If the property is cooperative housing, complete step 4.

## Step 5: Check if late.

If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box in Step 5 for late filing and enter the prior tax year.

## Step 6: Sign and date the application.

You must sign and date this application. Making false statements on your exemption application is a criminal offense.