

# TEXAS HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION



## WHAT IS A HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION?

- ✓ Potentially reduces the amount of property taxes owed on the property.
- ✓ Exemption may extend to the home and up to 20 acres of land used for a purpose of the residential use of the homestead.
- ✓ Different taxing entities give different exemptions, depending upon the type of taxing entity and location.

## STEPS TO APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:

- 1 Download the application from your appraisal districts website (*it is free to apply!*). **You can apply at anytime throughout the year.**
- 2 Complete the form and attach copies of your Driver's License. **The address listed on the Driver's License must match the address of the homestead.** Check with your local tax appraisal district for further information and requirements before submission.
- 3 Return the form to the Appraisal District.  
The homestead should remain on the property as long as the owners occupy the property as their homestead. If the property is sold or no longer occupied as the homestead,
- 4 request for the exemption to be removed. Failure to do so may result in penalties and interest on the portion of taxes that should not have been exempted.

This information is provided as a courtesy and does not cover the homestead exemption in its entirety. Please contact your local tax appraisal district for further information.

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