

A Homestead Exemption



lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value for the school district. If your home is valued at \$100,000 and you receive a \$25,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$75,000 for the school district.

And when you receive a homestead exemption, the taxable value of your home cannot increase by more than ten percent each year. Unless you make major improvements or add a structure.

Who qualifies for a homestead exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$25,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium, or mobile home.

Are there any exemptions for the elderly or disabled?

Yes, if you are disabled--or if you're 65 years old or older--you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home.

And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home.

Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

And don't forget that some of the local taxing units have adopted local option exemptions for the elderly and disabled too. A complete list of local option exemptions available in your area is printed on the back of this pamphlet.

Disabled Veterans

If you are a disabled veteran with a 100% service-connected disability, you are entitled to an exemption that will totally exempt your home from taxation.



If you are the surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran, you can apply to continue receiving the exemption on your homestead (as long as you do not remarry). And if you choose to move to another house, you can transfer the value amount of your exemption to your new home (as long as you don't remarry).

Residences Donated to Partially Disabled Veterans
A disabled veteran with a disability rating of less than 100% with a residence that was donated by a charitable organization at no cost or some cost that is not more than 50% of the good faith estimate of the market value of the home as of the donation date are entitled to an exemption equal to their disability rating. And their surviving spouses are eligible to apply for the exemption that the veteran would have qualified for at their death – as long as they remain unmarried.

Surviving Spouses of Members of the Armed Forces Killed in Action who have not remarried since the death of the service member are also entitled to an 100% exemption of appraised value as long as they remain unmarried.



Surviving Spouses of First Responders Who Were Killed or Fatally Injured in the Line of Duty and who have not remarried since the death of the first responder are also entitled to an 100% exemption of appraised value as long as they remain unmarried.

How do I get the exemption?

In order to receive the exemption, you must first file an application form with the appraisal district.

Texas law now requires you to provide proof of residency prior to approval of the exemption.

How do I prove my residency?

In order to qualify for a residential homestead exemption you must provide the appraisal district with a copy of:

- Either your Texas driver's license or Texas ID Card.

Remember: Your physical street address must match the address on your driver's license or state ID card.



If the address information on your form does not match the physical address of your homestead property, the exemption request will be denied until the information has been updated.



If you turn 65 this year and if you have already provided birth date information on your homestead application, your over- 65 exemption will be automatically applied to

If you became disabled this year, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home last year, you won't need to reapply this year unless the chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home--or if you've moved to a new home--you'll need to file for an exemption this year.

Where can I get the application form?



Application forms are available at the appraisal district office or on our website:

www.bosquecad.com

Or, give us a call. We will be happy to put one in the mail to you.

Bosque Central Appraisal District

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The following information is provided to assist you in updating the information on these additional documents.

Update Texas Driver's License Information

If you have a current Texas driver's license and you move to a new location in Texas you have 30 days to change the address on your driver's license. The simplest way to do this is online. Go to www.dps.texas.gov and follow the instructions for changing your address. **You will need to have a valid credit card for paying the \$11.00 fee, and you will need access to a printer so that you can print out your temporary receipt.** Otherwise, call or go in person to a Texas DPS.

For a new Texas driver's license (first time license or moving to Texas from out of state) go in person to a DPS location. You will need to complete an application, provide proof of identity (proof of Social Security, birth certificate, or an out of state driver's license), provide proof of vehicle registration, consent to be photographed, fingerprinted, and provide a signature. You will need to pass a vision examination

First time applicants need to schedule a time for taking the driving test and pass both the driving and written test. Out of state applicants should apply within 90 days after entry into the state and need to be prepared to surrender their valid out of state driver's license upon application.

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Check DPS Website or call for hours of operation.
www.dps.texas.gov

Texas DPS Statewide Information (512) 424-2600

Homestead Exemption Availability Chart

Jurisdiction	General	Over 65 or Disability	Over 65 or Disability Freeze	100% Disabled Veteran
County				
Bosque			Yes	Yes
Cities				
Clifton			Yes	Yes
Cranfills Gap			Yes	Yes
Iredell				Yes
Meridian			Yes	Yes
Morgan				Yes
Valley Mills		Partial \$3,000		Yes
Walnut Springs				Yes
Schools				
China Spring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clifton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cranfills Gap	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hico	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iredell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jonesboro	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kopperl	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meridian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Valley Mills	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walnut Springs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Districts				
Middle Trinity GCD				Yes
Emergency Services District #1				Yes
Bosque County Hospital District	10% min \$5,000	\$10,000		Yes