

The good news is . .

Texas property owners are entitled to a reduction of taxes on their principal residence.

The not so good news is . . .

In order to receive the exemption, Texas law requires you to fill out an application and provide evidence of your qualifications. You can only file for the exemption on property you own and claim as your principal residence. The Legislature established evidence requirements to ensure that everyone entitled to an exemption receives the exemption, and that no one is allowed to take advantage of the benefit.

The various exemptions granted by Ector County taxing entities are listed in this brochure.

Each exemption section in the brochure identifies the documentation that you will need to provide as evidence that you qualify for the exemption.

For additional information, links to exemption application forms, and other related resources please visit our website at:

www.ectorcad.org

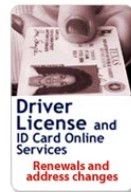
Section 521.054(b) of the Texas Transportation Code requires that a person who moves from the address shown on their license must notify the department of their address change within 30 days of the move.

You may contact the Texas Department of Public Safety to change an address or obtain one of the following forms of evidence:

- *Texas Driver's License with principal residence address.*
- *Texas Personal Identification Certificate with principal residence address.*



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Homestead Exemption Documentation Requirements



Residential Homestead Exemption Documentation Requirements

General Residence

If you are an adult listed on appraisal district records as the property owner, you do not need to provide evidence of ownership.

If you are NOT listed on appraisal district records, you will need to provide evidence of your ownership interest, such as one of the following instruments which has been recorded in the office of the Ector County Clerk:

- Deed, Warranty Deed, Gift Deed, etc.
- Probated Will
- Divorce Decree
- Notarized Contract for Deed

In addition to your signature affirming that the property is your principal residence, you **must** provide the following document as evidence:

- A **current** Texas issued Driver's License or Identification Card showing a **mailing address that matches the location address** of the property for which you are seeking to claim the exemption. We will need IDs for all owners identified.

Manufactured Home applications must include a Statement of Ownership for the manufactured home issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Over 65 or Disabled

Over 65 Exemption

We will use the birth date on your Texas driver's license or identification card to determine your eligibility date for the Over 65 exemption.

No other documentation is required.

Disability Exemption

You must provide evidence that you are receiving disability benefits under the federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program administered by the Social Security Administration:

- Verification letter from the Social Security Administration Office.

If you are receiving the Over 65 or Disabled exemption, you are entitled to pay your taxes in 4 equal installments.

Payments are due by January 31, March 31, May 31, and July 31.

Contact the appraisal district to receive your installment coupons.

100% Disabled Veteran

For this most significant benefit to our most significant servicemen and women, you must provide the following documentation which confirms your 100% **service-connected** disability:

- A letter from the U S Department of Veterans Affairs clearly indicating that (1) you have a **service connected** disability rating of 100% **and** that (2) you are receiving 100% disability compensation or you are unemployable.

Disabled Veterans with less than 100% disability ratings can also receive a reduction in taxable value depending on their percentage of disability as described in a disability verification letter from the Department of Veteran Affairs. The surviving spouse of the veteran who qualified for the exemption when the disabled veteran died may also be entitled to the exemption.