Denton Central Appraisal District
P O Box 50746
Denton, TX 76206-0746
(940) 349-3800

NEW HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION RULES

Dear Property Owner:

Please complete the following application for Residential Homestead Exemption. The form includes the following exemptions: Residential Homestead Exemption, Over-65 Homestead Exemption, Disabled Person Exemption, 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption and the Age 55 or Older Surviving Spouse Exemption. This form is 3 pages in length and must be signed on page 3.

As of September 1, 2011, applicants are required to include a copy of their Texas driver's license or state id & a vehicle registration receipt according to Texas Property Tax Code 11.43. The addresses shown on all documents must match the address for which the exemption is sought. Failure to send the required documents will result in the exemption being denied.

Please submit additional documents for the following exemptions:

1. Disabled Person: a current (within the last 12 months) letter from the Social Security Administration stating the date your disability began.
2. 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption: a current (within the last 12 months) letter from the Veterans Administration stating 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability.
3. Age 55 or Older Surviving Spouse Exemption: a copy of spouse's death certificate.

Mobile Homes – Attach a copy of statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs if home is 8'x40' or larger, or attach a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you are the owner of the mobile home unless your title information appears on the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' website. If so, the appraisal district may use the website documents to verify your eligibility.

If you have any questions or have trouble filling out this form, please feel free to call the appraisal district at 940-349-3800 or metro 972-434-2602.

Denton Central Appraisal District
Exemption Department

Application for Residence Homestead Exemption

Property Tax
Form 50-114

Denton Central Appraisal District
Appraisal District's Name

(940) 349-3800
Phone *(area code and number)*

PO Box 50746, Denton, TX 76206
Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: This application is for use in claiming general homestead exemptions pursuant to Tax Code §11.13 and §11.131. The exemptions apply to your residence homestead that you own and occupy as your principal residence. You must furnish all information and documentation required by the application.

WHERE TO FILE: File the completed application and all required documents with the appraisal district for the county in which the property is located.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: For homestead exemptions other than the age 65 and over or disabled person homestead exemptions provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) and (d), you must file the completed application with all required documentation between January 1 and no later than April 30 of the year for which you are requesting an exemption. If you qualify for an age 65 and over homestead exemption provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) or (d), you must apply for the exemption no later than the first anniversary of the date you qualify for the exemption. If you qualify for a disabled person homestead exemption provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) or (d), you must apply for the exemption no later than the first anniversary of the date you qualify for the exemption. Pursuant to Tax Code §11.431, you may file a late application for a residence homestead exemption, including a 100% disabled veteran residence homestead exemption, after the deadline for filing has passed if it is filed not later than one year after the delinquency date for the taxes on the homestead.

WHEN NEW APPLICATION REQUIRED: Pursuant to Tax Code §11.43(c), if the chief appraiser grants your exemption(s), you do not need to reapply annually. However, the chief appraiser may require you to file a new application to confirm your current qualification for the exemption(s) by delivering to you a written notice that a new application is required, accompanied by an appropriate application form. Also, for most exemptions, you must file a new application to claim an exemption that you qualify for in the future if you do not currently qualify.

DUTY TO NOTIFY: You have a duty to notify the chief appraiser when your entitlement to any exemption ends.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Pursuant to Tax Code §11.45, after considering this application and all relevant information, the chief appraiser may request additional information from you. You must provide the additional information within 30 days of the request or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the additional information by written order for a single period not to exceed 15 days.

STEP 1: State the year for which you are seeking exemption(s), the date you moved in, and your ownership status.

State the year for which you are seeking exemption(s)

State the date you began occupying the property as your principal residence

Do you own the property for which you are seeking an exemption? *(check one)*: . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

STEP 2: Provide information regarding all owners of the property for which you are seeking exemption(s) (attach additional sheets if needed).

Owner's Name *(person completing application)*

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Phone *(area code and number)*

Driver's License, Personal ID Certificate, or Social Security Number*

Birth Date**

Percent Ownership in Property

Other Owner's Name(s) *(if any)*

Birth Date** of Spouse *(if applicable)*

Other Owner's Percent Ownership

* Pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.43(f), you are required to furnish this information. A driver's license number, personal identification certificate number, or social security account number provided in an application for an exemption filed with a chief appraiser is confidential and not open to public inspection. The information may not be disclosed to anyone other than an employee of the appraisal office who appraises property, except as authorized by Tax Code Section 11.48(b).

** Tax Code Section 11.43(m) allows a person who receives a general homestead exemption in a tax year to receive the age 65 or older exemption for an individual 65 years of age or older in the next tax year on the same property without applying for the age 65 or older exemption if the person becomes 65 years of age in that next year as shown by information in the records of the appraisal district that was provided to the appraisal district by the individual in an application for a general residence homestead exemption.

STEP 3: Describe the property for which you are seeking exemption(s).

Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

Legal Description *(if known)*

Appraisal District Account Number *(if known)*

Number of acres (not to exceed 20) used for residential occupancy of the structure:
(Note: the structure and the land and improvements must have identical ownership) . . . . . acres

For a MANUFACTURED HOME, state the make, model and identification number

Step 4: Identify exemptions that apply to you and state whether you are transferring a tax ceiling.

Brief descriptions of qualifications for the exemptions listed are provided under each listing; however, to obtain complete information, you should consult the Tax Code. For assistance, you may contact your appraisal district or the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division. If your appraisal district has not provided with this application a list of taxing units served by the appraisal district with all residential homestead exemptions each taxing unit offers, you may call the appraisal district to determine what homestead exemptions are offered by your taxing units.

☐ GENERAL RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (Tax Code §11.13):
You may qualify for this exemption if for the current year and, if filing a late application, for the year for which you are seeking an exemption: (1) you owned this property on January 1; (2) you occupied it as your principal residence on January 1; and (3) you and your spouse do not claim a residence homestead exemption on any other property.

☐ DISABLED PERSON EXEMPTION (Tax Code §11.13(c), (d)):
You may qualify for this exemption if you are under a disability for purposes of payment of disability insurance benefits under Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance. You can't receive an age 65 or older exemption if you receive this exemption.

☐ AGE 65 OR OLDER EXEMPTION (Tax Code §11.13(c), (d)):
You may qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. You cannot receive a disability exemption if you receive this exemption.

☐ SURVIVING SPOUSE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO QUALIFIED FOR AGE 65 OR OLDER EXEMPTION UNDER TAX CODE §11.13(d) (Tax Code §11.13(q)):
You may qualify for this exemption if: (1) your deceased spouse died in a year in which he or she qualified for the exemption under Tax Code §11.13(d); (2) you were 55 years of age or older when your deceased spouse died; and (3) the property was your residence homestead when your deceased spouse died and remains your residence homestead. You can't receive this exemption if you receive an exemption under Tax Code §11.13(d).

Name of Deceased Spouse

Date of Death

☐ 100% DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION (Tax Code §11.131):
You may qualify for this exemption if you are a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor: (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or individual unemployability. If you qualify for a 100% disabled veteran's exemption after January 1 of a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2012, you may receive the exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately on qualification for the exemption.

☐ SURVIVING SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN WHO RECEIVED THE 100% DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION (Tax Code §11.131):
You may qualify for this exemption if you were married to a disabled veteran who qualified for an exemption under Tax Code §11.131 at the time of his or her death and: (1) you have not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran and (2) the property was your residence homestead when the disabled veteran died and remains your residence homestead.

Name of Deceased Spouse

Date of Death

☐ Check if you seek to transfer a school tax limitation from your last home pursuant to Tax Code §11.26(h).

STEP 5: Attach required documents.

Include with ALL applications (*Note: The chief appraiser may not approve an exemption unless the address on the driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate corresponds to the address on the applicant's vehicle registration receipt or utility bill AND the address indicated on the application form.*):

1) a copy of the applicant's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate; **and**

2) a copy of the applicant's vehicle registration receipt; **or**

   a) if the applicant does not own a vehicle, an affidavit to that effect signed by the applicant; **and**

   b) a copy of a utility bill in the applicant's name for the property for which exemption is sought.

Include with an application for a request for an AGE 65 OR OLDER OR DISABLED exemption:

In addition to the information identified above, an applicant for an age 65 or older or disabled exemption who is not specifically identified on a deed or other instrument recorded in the applicable real property records as an owner of the residence homestead must provide an affidavit or other compelling evidence establishing the applicant's ownership of an interest in the homestead.

Include with an application for a request for a 100% DISABLED VETERANS exemption:

In addition to the information identified above, an applicant for a 100% disabled veterans exemption or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who qualified for the 100% disabled veteran's exemption must provide documentation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor indicating that the veteran received 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and had a rating of 100 percent disabled or individual unemployability.

Include with applications for MANUFACTURED HOMES:

For a **manufactured home** to qualify for a residence homestead, applicant must **ALSO** include:

1) a copy of the statement of ownership and location for the manufactured home issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs showing that the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home;

2) a copy of the purchase contract or payment receipt showing that the applicant is the purchaser of the manufactured home; **or**

3) a sworn affidavit by the applicant indicating that:

   a) the applicant is the owner of the manufactured home;

   b) the seller of the manufactured home did not provide the applicant with a purchase contract; **and**

   c) the applicant could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.

STEP 6: (Cooperative Housing Residents Only) Provide statement regarding your right to occupy the property.

Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

STEP 7: Read, sign, and date.

By signing this application, you state that the facts in this application are true and correct, that you do not claim a residence homestead exemption on another residence homestead in Texas, and that you do not claim a residence homestead exemption on a residence homestead outside of Texas.

NOTICE REGARDING PENALTIES FOR MAKING OR FILING AN APPLICATION CONTAINING A FALSE STATEMENT: If you make a false statement on this form, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Section 37.10, Penal Code.

Your signature on this application constitutes a sworn statement that you have read and understand the *Notice Regarding Penalties for Making or Filing an Application Containing a False Statement*.

sign here ➧

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

AFFIDAVITS: Complete and have notarized, if applicable (See Step 5, above).

NON-OWNERSHIP OF MOTOR VEHICLE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____,
who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:
"My name is _____. I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.
I do not own a vehicle.
Further, Affiant sayeth not."

_____
Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the
_____ day of _____, _____

_____
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My Commission expires: _____

AGE 65 OR OLDER/DISABLED EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____,
who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:
"My name is _____. I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.
I have a _____ percent ownership in the residence homestead identified in the foregoing exemption application.
Further, Affiant sayeth not."

_____
Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the
_____ day of _____, _____

_____
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My Commission expires: _____

MANUFACTURED HOME AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____,
who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:
"My name is _____. I am over 18 years of age and I am otherwise fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and all of same are true and correct.
I am the owner of the manufactured home identified in the foregoing exemption application. The seller of the manufactured home did not provide me with a purchase contract and I could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort.
Further, Affiant sayeth not."

_____
Signature of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this, the
_____ day of _____, _____

_____
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
My Commission expires: _____