

**Denton Central Appraisal District**

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For Appraisal District Use Only:	
Account Number:	Approved/Checked By:
Prior Years To Supp:	ETR Year:
Year To Add:	Qual Date:
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# Application for Residential Homestead Exemption for 20\_\_\_\_\_

Step 1: Owner's name and address	Owner's Name (person completing application):	Birth Date**
	<b>Provide one of the following*</b> #	Driver's License Number, Social Security Number, or Personal ID Certificate Number #
	Current Mailing Address:	Home Phone (area code and number):
	City, State, Zip Code:	Work Phone (area code and number):
	Percent Ownership in Property: (Enter 100% if owned only by applicant & spouse)	Number of owners living at property:
Other Owner's Name(s) (if any):	Other Owner's Percent Ownership:	

Step 2: Describe your property	Give street address if different from above, or legal description if no street address:
	<b>MOBILE HOMES:</b> Attach a copy of statement of ownership and location from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs if home is 8'x40' or larger, or a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you as owner of the mobile home. Make _____ Model _____ ID # _____
	Number of acres (not to exceed 20) used for residential occupancy of the structure (yard, garden, garage, etc.) _____ acres

Step 3: Check exemptions that apply to you	<b>GENERAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for this exemption if (1) you owned this property on January 1; (2) you occupied it as your principal residence on January 1; and (3) you or your spouse has not claimed a residence homestead exemption on any other property.
	<b>AGE 65 OR OLDER EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. You can't claim a disability exemption if you claim this exemption. See the back of this form for more information about the tax limitation or qualification dates. Please check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home in Texas..... <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b> ** *If yes, you must attach a ceiling transfer certificate from prior appraisal district.
	<b>DISABILITY EXEMPTION:</b> You qualify for this exemption if you are/were under a disability for the purposes of payment of disability benefits under federal Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance Act <b>OR</b> you met the definition of disabled in that Act. You can't claim an over-65 exemption if you claim this exemption. See the back of this form for more information about tax limitations or qualification dates. Please check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home in Texas..... <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b> <b>ATTACH PROOF OF DISABILITY</b> ** *If yes, you must attach a ceiling transfer certificate from prior appraisal district.
	<b>OVER-55 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE OVER-65/DISABILITY EXEMPTION:</b> You may qualify for an extension of the school tax limitation if (1) you were 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died; and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving either the over-65 or disability exemptions on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemptions in the year of the spouse's death. See the back of this form for more information about the tax limitations or qualification dates. Your spouse's name: _____ <b>ATTACH COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE AND PROOF OF YOUR AGE</b> Date of Death: _____ Your Date of Birth: _____ Please check if you will transfer a tax ceiling from your last home in Texas..... <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b> ** *If yes, you must attach a ceiling transfer certificate from prior appraisal district.

Step 4: Answer if applies	<b>COOPERATIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS:</b> Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation? <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
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Step 5: Check if late	Application for homestead exemption for prior tax year, 20____. You may file a late General Residential Exemption application for property you owned and occupied on January 1 <sup>st</sup> , if you file it no later than one year after the date the taxes on the homestead become delinquent. See the back of this form for more information about the tax limitations or qualification dates.
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Step 6: Sign and Date the application	By signing this application, you state that you are qualified for the exemptions checked above. You state that the facts in this application are true and correct. You also state that you do not claim an exemption on another residence homestead. You must notify the chief appraiser if and when your right to the exemptions end. You swear or affirm that you have read and understand the penalty for filing a false statement. <b>If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under the Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.</b>
	Authorized Signature _____ Date _____ sign here →

\*You are required to give us this information on this form in order to perform tax related functions for this office. Tax Code Section 11.43 authorizes this office to request this information to determine tax compliance. The chief appraiser is required to keep the information confidential and not open to public inspection except to appraisal office employees who appraise property and as authorized by Section 11.48(b), Tax Code.  
\*\*Tax Code Section 11.43(m) allows a person who qualifies for a general homestead exemption to receive the 65 or older person exemption without applying when he/she becomes age 65 as shown on the application in the appraisal district's records.

# APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS

**General 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 the general residential homestead exemption, 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 in a period of less than two (2) years. Homeowners in military service or in a facility providing services related to health, infirmity or aging may exceed the two year period. If you have trouble filling out the form, call the appraisal district.

**Age 65 or Older and Disability Exemptions.** You may receive an age-65 or older or disability exemption immediately upon qualification for the exemption(s). If you have not provided your birthdate on this application, you must apply before the first anniversary of your qualification date to receive the exemptions in that tax year. For example, if you turn 65 or are disabled on June 1 of the current year, you have until May 31 of the next year to apply for the current year's exemption(s). This special provision applies to the over-65 and disability exemptions and not to other exemptions for which you may apply.

**Tax Limitations.** The over-65 or disability exemption for school taxes includes a school tax limitation, or ceiling. The tax ceiling is set at the amount you pay in the first year that you qualify for the exemption. Other taxing units such as the county or city have the option to grant a tax limitation on homesteads of homeowners disabled or 65 years of age or older.

**Tax Ceiling Transfer.** If you purchase another home anywhere in Texas, you may transfer the same percentage of school taxes paid based on your former home's tax ceiling to another qualified homestead in the state. If the county or city grants the limitation, you may transfer the same percentage of taxes paid to another qualified homestead within that taxing unit. You must request a certificate from the appraisal district for the former home to take to the appraisal district for your new home.

**Surviving Spouse Age 55 or Older.** You qualify for an extension of this exemption if (1) you are 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the disabled or over-65 exemption on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death.

**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 the taxes became delinquent. See the over-65 exemption and disability section above for more on late filing.

**Re-filing.** If the chief appraiser grants the exemptions, 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.

**Tax Deferral.** If you are a homeowner age 65 or older or disabled, you may "defer" or postpone paying any property taxes on your home for as long as you own or live in it. To postpone your tax payments, file a "Tax Deferral Affidavit" with the appraisal district. A tax deferral, however, only postpones your tax liability. It does not cancel it. Interest on the sum due accrues at the rate of 8 percent per year. Once you or your surviving spouse no longer own your home or live in it, past taxes and interest become due 181 days later.

**Step #1. Owner's Name and Address:** Enter the following information:

- Name of the owner completing this application.
- This owner's birth date.
- Drivers license number, personal identification number, or Social Security number of this owner (kept confidential).
- This owner's current mailing address and phone number.
- Percentage of ownership by this owner. If the property is owned by the applicant & spouse enter 100%. If the property is owned by 2 or more individuals enter each owner's percentage of ownership.
- Names of other owners and their percentage of ownership. Attach additional sheets if needed.

**Step #2. Describe your property:**

Enter the information requested. Attach a copy of the statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, mobile home title or a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you are the owner of the mobile home. Enter 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 over-65 or disability exemption, attach documents verifying your eligibility. If you check the surviving spouse age 55 or older, enter the information requested and attach requested documentation.

**Note: There is a separate application for a Disabled Veterans' Exemption.** Form may be obtained at [www.dentoncad.com](http://www.dentoncad.com).

**Step #4. Answer if applies:**

Cooperative Housing Residents, check this box if you have an exclusive right to occupy the unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation.

**Step #5. Late filing:**

If you were eligible for an exemption last year, check the box 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.

**If you would like to know the homestead exemptions offered by your taxing units, you can contact the Denton Central Appraisal District at 940-349-3800 or metro 972-434-2602. A list of taxing entities and exemption amounts is also available at [www.dentoncad.com](http://www.dentoncad.com).**