



ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD AND RELATED TAX EXEMPTIONS

DR-501

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Rule 12D-16.002

Florida Administrative Code

Permanent Florida residency required on January 1.

Application due to property appraiser by March 1.

New Change Addition

County _____

Tax Year _____

	Applicant	Co-applicant
Name		
*Social Security #		
Immigration #		
Date of birth		
% of ownership		
Date of occupancy		
Marital status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Homestead address		
Parcel ID or legal description		
Type of deed	Date of deed _____	
Recorded :	Book _____ Page _____ Date _____	
Did any applicant file for exemptions last year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Application for:
<input type="checkbox"/> HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, \$25,000 to \$50,000
ADDED BENEFITS. See page 2 for qualifications and required documents.
<input type="checkbox"/> By local ordinance only - senior 65 and older, limited income
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 widowed <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 blind <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 disabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Total and permanent disability - quadriplegic
<input type="checkbox"/> Certain total and permanent disabilities - limited income and hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required, or legally blind
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled veteran discount, 65 or older
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran disabled 10% or more
<input type="checkbox"/> Service-connected total and permanent disability
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected
Other, specify: _____
Name and address of each owner not residing on the property

* Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. It is required by section 196.011(1)(b), Florida Statutes. The social security number will be used to verify taxpayer identity and homestead exemption information submitted to property appraisers.

Proof of Residence for all Owners	Applicant	Co-applicant
Do you claim homestead in another county or state?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Previous residency outside Florida and date terminated	date	date
Florida driver license or identification card number	date	date
Evidence of relinquishing driver license from other state		
Florida vehicle tag number		
Florida voter registration number (if US citizen)	date	date
Declaration of domicile, enter residency date		
Current employer		
Address listed on your last IRS return		
School location of dependent children		
Bank statement and checking account mailing address		
Proof of payment of utilities at homestead address		

I authorize this agency to obtain information to determine my eligibility for the exemptions applied for. I qualify for these exemptions under Florida Statutes. I am a permanent resident of the State of Florida and I own and occupy the property above.

I understand that under section 196.131(2), Florida Statutes, any person who knowingly gives false information to claim homestead exemption is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment up to 1 year, a fine up to \$5,000 or both. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing application and the facts in it are true.

Signature, applicant
Date _____ Phone _____

Signature, Co-applicant
Date _____ Phone _____

Signature, property appraiser or deputy
Entered by _____

Add pages, if needed.

EXEMPTION AND DISCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

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Basic Homestead Every person who owns and resides on real property in Florida on January 1, makes the property his or her permanent residence, and files an application, may receive a property tax exemption up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes. The added \$25,000 applies to assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes.

Your local property appraiser will determine whether you are eligible. The appraiser may consider information such as your place of employment, voter registration, driver license, vehicle license tag, utility bills, and federal income tax return address.

Save our Homes (SOH) Program Beginning the year after you receive homestead exemption, the assessment on your home cannot increase by more than the lesser of the change in the Consumer Price Index or 3% each year, no matter how much the fair market value increases. If you have moved from one Florida homestead to another within the last two years, you may be eligible to take some of your SOH savings with you. See your property appraiser for more information.

This page does not contain all the requirements that determine your eligibility for an exemption. Consult your local property appraiser and Chapter 196, Florida Statutes, for details.

Added Benefits Available for Qualified Homestead Properties				
	Amount	Qualifications	Forms and Documents	Statute
Exemptions				
Local option, age 65 and older	Up to \$50,000	Local ordinance, limited income	Proof of age DR-501SC, household income	196.075
Widowed	\$500		Death certificate of spouse	196.202
Blind	\$500		Florida physician, DVA, or SSA	196.202
Disabled	\$500	Disabled	Florida physician, DVA, or SSA	196.202
	All taxes	Quadriplegic	Two Florida physicians or DVA	196.101
	All taxes	Hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required for mobility, or legally blind Limited income	DR-416, DR-416B, or Letters from 2 FL physicians (For the legally blind, one can be an optometrist.) Letter from DVA, and DR-501A for household income	196.101
Veteran's Exemptions and Discount				
Disabled veteran discount, age 65 and older	% of disability	Combat-related disability Florida resident when entered military	Proof of age Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.082
Veteran, disabled 10% or more during wartime service	Up to \$5,000	Veteran or surviving spouse of 5 years	Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.24
Service-connected, totally and permanently disabled	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.081
Veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.091
* Department of Revenue (DR) forms are available at http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/property/forms/ DVA is the US Department of Veterans Affairs, SSA is the Social Security Administration.				

Penalties

The property appraiser has a duty to put a tax lien on your property if you received a homestead exemption during the past 10 years that you were not entitled to. The property appraiser will notify you and require you to pay the past taxes within 30 days. If this was not an error by the property appraiser, you may be charged a penalty of 50 percent of the unpaid taxes and 15% interest each year, see section 196.161(1), F.S. For special requirements for estates probated or administered outside Florida, see Section 196.161(1)(a), F.S.

The information in this application will be given to the Department of Revenue. Under s. 196.121, F.S., the Department and property appraisers can give this information to any state where the applicant has resided. Social security numbers will remain confidential under s.193.114(5), F.S.

Contact your local property appraiser or
Visit the Department of Revenue web site at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/property/>