

## Are you interested in paying lower property taxes?

### Would you like a discount on your taxes?

Discounts can be obtained by qualifying for exemptions.

### What are Exemptions?

Exemptions are discounts awarded to property owners for the following reasons, please...

### Ask Yourself:

Ask Yourself	Eligibility Requirements	Benefits
Do you own your home and occupy the residence?	If yes, you may qualify for a Homestead Exemption. You must own and occupy the property on January 1 <sup>st</sup> of any given year. If you recently purchased your home after January 1 <sup>st</sup> , you may be eligible for a prorated exemption if the prior owner did not already have a Homestead Exemption on file.	Receive <b>\$40,000</b> in exemptions on your property value from your school district.
Are you 65 or over, or will you be 65 in the current year and own a home?	If you own the home you occupy and are 65 or going to be 65 during the year, you are eligible for the same year.	Various additional exemptions and tax ceilings from the taxing authorities.
Are you a surviving spouse age 55 or older of a deceased spouse with an over 65 exemption?	If yes, your spouse must have claimed the over 65 exemption at his/her time of death. As the surviving spouse you must apply for this exemption within that year. A death certificate will be required for processing.	Continuation of tax ceilings from a qualifying spouse.
Are you 65 or older and have purchased a new home and want to transfer your exemption?	To transfer your over 65 exemption, you must fill out a new application indicating the purchase date of your new home along with a Tax Ceiling Certificate from your prior home's Appraisal District, if your prior home was outside Bexar County.	Percentage of tax ceiling(s) are transferred to new home.
Are you disabled, unable to work, and own your home?	If you are 100% disabled and unemployable, you are eligible. Submit a current letter from the Social Security Administration stating the effective date of your disability.	Receive mandatory <b>\$10,000</b> in exemptions on your property value for school valuation.
Are you a Veteran with a minimum of 10% service connected disability and own your property?	If yes, you are eligible for exemptions based on your disability percentage. You must submit a current letter from the Veteran's Administration stating your total combined percentage of service connected disability.	Discount of <b>\$5,000 to \$12,000</b> off your property value. Applies to all tax units.
Are you a Veteran with a service connected disability rating of 100% or unemployable and own and reside in your own home?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents and a current letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting your compensation for 100% service connected disability rating or unemployability.	100% exemption from property taxes on your primary residence
Are you the surviving spouse of a 100% disabled Veteran who has not remarried since his/her death and still resides in the home the veteran claimed under the exemption?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents and a current letter from the Veteran's Administration stating the Veteran had a compensable 100% service connected disability rating or unemployability at the time of his/her death.	100% exemption from property taxes on your primary residence

Are you the surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed or fatally injured in the line of duty, you own and reside in your home, and you have not remarried since his/her death?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents, a copy of your marriage certificate, and documentation affirming the deceased spouse was killed in action.	100% exemption from property taxes on your primary residence
Are you a Disabled Veteran with a disability rating of less than 100% and your residence homestead was donated to you by a charitable organization at no cost to you or at 50% or less of the homes market value?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents, attach a current letter from the Veteran's Administration stating your total combined disability percentage, and include a copy of the recorded deed for your home reflecting the transfer of ownership from the charitable organization to you.	Exemption equal to the percentage of Veterans total combined percentage of service connected disability rating.
Are you the surviving spouse of a Disabled Veteran who qualified for the Donated Residence Homestead Exemption, you have not remarried since his/her death, and you still reside in the home the Veteran claimed under the exemption?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents, attach a copy of your marriage certificate, a copy of the death certificate, and a letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting the Veterans service connected disability rating at the time of his/her death.	Exemption equal to the percentage of Veterans total combined percentage of service connected disability rating at his/her time of death.
Are you the surviving spouse of a First Responder who was killed in the line of duty and you have not remarried since his/her death?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents; attach a copy of your marriage certificate, a copy of the death certificate, and a letter from the Employees Retirement System of Texas affirming exemption applicant is receiving benefits as a surviving spouse under Government Code Chapter 615.	100% exemption from property taxes on your primary residence

To apply for any of these exemptions, please complete and submit the appropriate application (see below). We may also be reached by calling (210) 242-2432, or by visiting us at 411 N. Frio.

**Note:** All exemptions on the Residence Homestead Exemption application require a copy of your Texas driver's license or Texas identification card. The address on your card must correspond with the address of the property you are applying for.

Proof of legal ownership is required if the Appraisal District has not updated ownership:

- A **recorded** warranty deed or a recorded contract of sale (no deed of trust or release of lien)
- A divorce decree
- A copy of the probated will
- A **recorded** notarized affidavit of heirship

**These services are provided FREE of charge. The Bexar Appraisal District is here to serve you!**

**For more information and the appropriate forms for:**