

## Are you interested in paying lower property taxes?

### Would you like a discount on your property 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 home as your primary residence?	If yes, you may qualify for a Homestead Exemption. You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence, and not claim the homestead exemption on any other property in order to apply.	Receive <b>\$100,000</b> in exemption on the market value of your property for your school district, along with other exemptions from select taxing units
Are you 65 or over, or will you be 65 in the current year, and own your home?	If you own the home you occupy and are 65 years of age or older, or you are going to be 65 during the year, you may be eligible for the over 65 exemption that same year.	Various additional exemptions and tax ceilings from select taxing authorities.
Are you a surviving spouse of a property owner who had a Disabled Person or Over 65 exemption, and you were 55 years of age or older when your spouse passed away?	If yes, your spouse must have claimed the Disabled Person or Over 65 exemption at his/her time of death. A death certificate, along with other pertinent information, will be required for processing.	Continuation of exemptions from qualifying spouse.
Are you 65 or older and have purchased a new home and want to transfer your Over 65 exemption to your new home?	To transfer your over 65 exemption, you must complete a new application for the newly inhabited property and indicate the address of the old property on your application under section 1. If your prior home was in Texas, but outside Bexar County, you will need to request a Tax Ceiling certificate from your prior appraisal district.	A percentage of the savings received from you prior tax ceiling may qualify to be transferred to your new home.
Are you disabled, unable to work, and own your home?	If you are disabled under Social Security guidelines, you may be eligible. Submit an exemption application along with a current letter from the Social Security Administration stating the effective date of your disability.	Receive <b>\$10,000</b> in exemption on the market value of your property for your school district, along with other exemptions from select taxing units.
Are you a Disabled Veteran with a service connected disability rating of 100% or receiving benefits at the 100% rate due to individual unemployability? Do you own and occupy your 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 you still reside 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. A marriage certificate and death certificate will also be required.	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 or fatally injured in the line of duty. A copy of the marriage certificate and the casualty report will be required.	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 the homestead exemptions listed above, please complete and submit the Residence Homestead Exemption form 50-114. This form is located on the Bexar Appraisal District Website [www.bcad.org](http://www.bcad.org) under "forms". For questions, please contact the Bexar Appraisal District Customer Service Department at (210) 242-2432, or by visiting our office 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 along with a copy of the corresponding death certificate(s) (note: heirship properties may have differing ownership requirements)

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