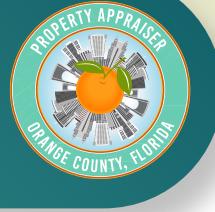


Homestead Exemption



What Is Homestead Exemption?

Florida law allows everyone who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains it as their permanent residence to [apply for a property tax exemption](#).

The deadline to file an exemption application is March 1.

Am I Eligible to File for Homestead Exemption?

In order to be eligible for a Homestead Exemption, you must meet the following requirements as of January 1:

- Legal or beneficial title to the property recorded in the Official Records of Orange County
- Reside on the property
- Be a permanent resident of the State of Florida
- Be a U.S. citizen or possess a Permanent Resident Card

Additional Homestead Exemption

There is also an additional homestead exemption of up to \$25,000, which is applied to assessed value above \$50,000.

The additional homestead exemption applies automatically when your homestead exemption is approved.

The diagram on the right shows the homestead exemptions that may apply based on the assessed value of your property. The additional homestead exemption does not apply to school millages.

IF YOUR ASSESSED VALUE IS	YOUR EXEMPTION WILL BE
\$1 - \$50,000	up to \$25,000
\$50,000 - \$75,000	\$25,000 + additional exemption up to \$25,000
\$75,000 and up	\$25,000 + full additional exemption of \$25,000

How Long Do the Exemptions Continue?

The exemption on your property will automatically renew each January as long as the title does not change on the property and you continue to reside in the home. Florida law requires a new application when a title change occurs.

You must inform the Orange County Property Appraiser's office of any change in use of the property, including a [change of address](#).

Does My Exemption Follow Me to My New Home?

The exemption does not move with you. If you move after January 1, the exemption may continue for the remainder of the year on the property where the exemption was initially filed. A new application must be filed when you move to a new residence.

Portability

[Florida law](#) allows you to transfer up to \$500,000 of your accumulated savings from one homestead property to another anywhere in Florida—a provision known as portability.

Remember to apply for portability when you apply for homestead on a new property. To qualify for portability, you must have had a homestead exemption on your previous property as of January 1 within the last three (3) years.

To apply for Portability, you can download the [Portability Form DR-501T](#) from our website and submit it with your new Homestead exemption application.

**Homestead exemption can save you up to \$750 each year.
It also limits your assessed value to a maximum 3% yearly increase.**
For more information, please call (407) 836-5044 or visit our [website](#).

Other Available Exemptions

Limited Income Senior

Florida law authorizes counties and municipalities to grant an additional exemption to persons at least sixty-five (65) years of age as of January 1st whose total household-adjusted gross income does not exceed annual limits established by the Department of Revenue.

Widow/Widower

You may qualify for an additional \$5,000 off the assessed value if you are a widow or widower who was not divorced from your spouse and has not remarried. The discount off the annual property tax bill is typically a \$60 to \$90 savings, depending on your assessed value.

Disability

If you have a disability, you may qualify for an additional \$5,000 off the assessed value. If you permanently require the use of a wheelchair for mobility and have a household gross income under the annual limit, you may qualify for a total exemption.

Deployed Military Exemption

Exemption on the homestead of service members who were deployed last year outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support operations designated by the Florida legislature.

Fallen Hero

If a first responder died in the line of duty, a surviving spouse who has not remarried may receive a total exemption on property owned and used as a homestead. The surviving spouse must be a permanent Florida resident, as of January 1, of the year in which the first responder died.

Proration Refund for Certain Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans and For Surviving Spouses of Veterans

A veteran or their surviving spouse may receive a refund, prorated as of the date of transfer, of the ad valorem taxes paid for the newly acquired property if he or she applies for and receives an exemption under this section for the newly acquired property in the next tax year. If the property appraiser finds that the applicant is entitled to an exemption under this section for the newly acquired property, the property appraiser shall immediately make such entries upon the tax rolls of the county that are necessary to allow the prorated refund of taxes for the previous tax year.

Total & Permanently Disabled First Responder Exemption

Any real estate that is owned and used by a person who has a total and permanent disability as a result of an injury sustained in the line of duty while serving as a first responder in the State of Florida or during an operation in another state or country authorized by the State of Florida or a political subdivision of Florida is exempt from taxation if the first responder is a permanent resident of this state on January 1 of the year for which the exemption is being claimed. Subject to special conditions, please contact our office for further details.

Disabled Veterans

Exemptions for disabled veterans with a percentage of a disability, total & permanent disability, as well as surviving spouses of disabled veterans are available. For a complete listing of exemptions and their criteria/requirements visit the exemptions FAQ page.

For more information on all exemptions, visit the [exemption FAQ page](#).



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