

Homestead Form Mailing Instructions

You must own and reside on the property prior to January 1. Your application for Homestead Exemption must be filed by March 1. For applications filed by mail, the date of the postmark is the date of filing, and must be no later than March 1.

- Fill out the application completely for all property owners and spouse(s). Note: Beginning with the 2001 Assessment Roll, you must provide the Social Security number of each property owner AND their spouse, regardless of whether they reside on the property.
- Include a photocopy of your driver license(s) for each applicant. If you do not drive, include a photocopy of your Florida I.D. Card, issued by the Florida Driver License Office.
- If not US citizen, we need photocopy, front, and back, of permanent alien card for each applicant.

Under Florida law, failure to file homestead exemption by March 1 constitutes a waiver of the exemption privilege for the year.

*If you purchased a new home **after January 1** and you are a resident of Marion County, you may qualify for a savings on your next year's tax bill by pre-filing for homestead exemption on or before March 1st of next year.*

Please complete, sign and date your Homestead Application, and return by mail to:

**Marion County Property Appraiser
Attn: Homestead Exemptions
P.O. Box 486
Ocala, Florida 34478-0486**

To obtain a signed copy of your original application, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope. A copy of your application, signed by this office, will provide proof that your exemption was received. This office is not responsible for postal errors or delays. To verify that your application is filed by the March 1 deadline, you should either request a receipt or file in person.

Please contact the Marion County Property Appraiser's Office at:
(352) 368-8300 if you have any questions

Website: <http://www.pa.marion.fl.us/>

Physical Address: 501 se 25th Avenue, Ocala Fl 34471

EXEMPTION AND DISCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

Homestead Every person who owns real property in Florida on January 1, makes the property his or her permanent residence or the permanent residence of a legal or natural dependent, 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 the items requested on the bottom of page 1.

Save our Homes (SOH) 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 percent each year, no matter how much the just 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	Determined by local ordinance	Local ordinance, limited income	Proof of age DR-501SC, household income	196.075
	The amount of the assessed value	Local ordinance, just value under \$250,000, permanent residency for 25 years or more.	DR-501SC, household income	
Widowed	\$500		Death certificate of spouse	196.202
Blind	\$500		Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$500	Disabled	Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
	All taxes	Quadriplegic	2 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, household income	196.101
Veterans and First Responders Exemptions and Discount				
Disabled veteran discount, age 65 and older	% of disability	Combat-related disability	Proof of age, DR-501DV Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.082
Veteran, disabled 10% or more by misfortune or during wartime service	Up to \$5,000	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.24
Veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected, totally disabled	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.091
Service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.081
Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty	All taxes	Surviving spouse	Letter attesting to the veteran's death while on active duty	196.081
First responder totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty or surviving spouse	All Taxes	First responder or surviving spouse	Proof of Disability, employer certificate, physician's certificate and SSA** (or additional physician certificate)	196.102
Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty	All taxes	Surviving spouse	Letter attesting to the first responder's death in the line of duty	196.081
*DVA is the US Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor. **SSA is the Social Security Administration.				



ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD AND RELATED TAX EXEMPTIONS

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Permanent Florida residency required on January 1.
Application due to property appraiser by March 1.

County	Select County	Tax Year	Parcel ID
I am applying for homestead exemption, \$25,000 to \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Change			
Do you claim residency in another county or state? Applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Co-applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	Applicant	Co-applicant/Spouse	
Name			
*Social Security #			
Immigration #			
Date of birth			
% of ownership			
Date of permanent residency			
Marital status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed			
Homestead address		Mailing address, if different	
Legal description		Phone	
Type of deed _____		Date of deed _____	
		Recorded: Book _____ Page _____ Date _____	
Did any applicant receive or file for exemptions last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Previous address:			
Please provide as much information as possible. Your county property appraiser will make the final determination.			
Proof of Residence	Applicant	Co-applicant/Spouse	
Previous residency outside Florida and date terminated	date	date	
FL driver license or ID 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 date	date	date	
Current employer			
Address 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name and address of any owners 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.

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