

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INSTRUCTIONS

General Residential Homestead Applications. You may only apply for residence homestead exemptions on one property in a tax year. A homestead exemption may include up to 20 acres of land that you actually use in the residential use (occupancy) of your home. Arbitrary factors that are unrelated to that use, such as acreage limits, matching legal descriptions, and contiguous parcels, may not be considered in determining if the land qualifies. To qualify for homestead exemptions, you must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year. If you temporarily move away from your home, you still can qualify for an exemption if you don't establish another principal residence and you intend to return in a period of less than two (2) years. Homeowners in military service outside the U.S. or in a facility providing services related to health, infirmity or aging may exceed the two year period.

Age 65 or Older or Disability Exemptions. You may receive age 65 or older or disability homestead exemptions immediately upon qualification for the exemption(s). If you have not provided your birthdate on this application, you must apply before the first anniversary of your qualification date to receive the exemption(s) in that tax year. For example, if you turn 65 or are disabled on June 1 of the current year, you have until May 31 of the next year to apply for the current tax year's age 65 or older or disability exemption(s). This special provision only applies to the age 65 or older or disability exemptions and not to other exemptions for which you may apply. You must provide a disability letter or other supporting medical documentation to qualify for a disability homestead exemption. Call the appraisal district for information about the district's requirements.

Tax Limitations: The age 65 or older or disability exemption for school taxes includes a school tax limitation, or ceiling. Other types of taxing units - county, city, or junior college-have the option to grant a tax limitation on homesteads of homeowners who are disabled or 65 years of age or older.

Surviving Spouse Age 55 or Older : Aged 65 or older - You qualify for an extension of this exemption if (1) you are 55 years of age or older on the date your spouse died and (2) your deceased spouse was receiving the age 65 or older exemptions on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. You will not receive the school tax limitation for the age 65 or older exemption unless your spouse died on or after December 1, 1987. Disabled: You will not qualify for a disability exemption claimed by your deceased spouse. You are not entitled to continue the school tax limitation; however, you will be entitled to continue the local option county, city or junior college limitation.

Filing Deadlines : File the application between January 1 and April 30. You may file a late homestead exemption application if you file it no later than one year after the date taxes become delinquent . See the age 65 or older or disability exemption section above for more on late filing.

Re-filing: If the chief appraiser grants the exemptions, you do not need to reapply annually. You must reapply, however, if the chief appraiser requires you to do so by sending you a new application asking you to reapply. You must notify the chief appraiser in writing if and when your right to any exemption ends or your qualifications change. You must reapply if you qualify for additional exemptions based on age or disability in the future. If, however, your application information indicates that your age is 65 or older, or the appraisal district has access to other information that proves you qualify, you need not re-file for the aged 65 or older exemption. To ensure the earliest possible qualification without reapplication, the oldest spouse should complete the application for a married couple.

Step 1. Owner's name and address. Enter the following information:

- Name of the owner completing this application.
- This owner's current mailing address and phone number.
- Driver's License number, personal identification number, or Social Security number of this owner (kept confidential).
- Percentage of ownership by this owner.
- This owner's birth date.
- Names of other owners and their percentage of ownership. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Step 2. Describe the property. Enter the information requested. Attach the mobile home statement of ownership and location, or sales contract Enter, if you wish, the number of acres used for residential purposes.

Step 3. Check exemptions that apply to you. Complete by checking the boxes that apply. If you check the disability exemption, attach documents verifying your disability. If a surviving spouse age 55 or older, enter the information requested. The appraisal district may request documents on date of spouse's death.

Step 4. Answer if applies. If the property is cooperative housing, complete Step 4.

Step 5. Check if late. If you are eligible for an exemption last year, check the box in step 5 for late filing and enter the prior tax year.

Step 6. Sign and date the application. You must sign and date this application. Making false statements on your exemption application is a criminal offense.

The following table lists each taxing jurisdiction that offers residential homestead exemptions:

JURISDICTION	STATE MANDATED HOMESTEAD	LOCAL OPTION HOMESTEAD	STATE MANDATED OVER 65 HS	LOCAL OPTION OVER 65 HS	STATE MANDATED DISABILITY
TOWN OF ANTHONY				3,000	
CITY OF EL PASO		5,000		30,000	
CITY OF SOCORRO				5,000	
TOWN OF VINTON				3,000	
EL PASO COUNTY		5,000		20,000	
ANTHONY I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
CANUTILLO I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
CLINT I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
EL PASO I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
FABENS I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
SAN ELIZARIO ISD	15,000		10,000		10,000
SOCORRO I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
TORNILLO I.S.D.	15,000		10,000		10,000
YSLETA I.S.D.	15,000	20%	10,000		10,000
COMMUNITY COLLEGE				10,000	
EP COUNTY WC & ID #4				3,000	
LWR VALLEY WTR A				5,000	