



Maintaining Exemptions with Ownership Changes



Changes in Your Property's Title

If you have made changes to the title of your property such as getting married or divorced, putting your property into a trust or life estate, or adding someone to the title of your property in the last year you must reapply for Homestead Exemption. The deadline for applying for any exemption is March 1st.

What if the Property is in Trust?

When property is owned by a Trust, Florida law specifies those circumstances under which the resident may obtain Homestead Exemption. It will be necessary for the applicant to provide a copy of the Trust Agreement, or a recorded Memorandum of Trust that states the Trust provides the applicant a present possessory right to the real property owned by the Trust.

Check List

- Florida Driver License, if you drive; or, if you do not drive, a Florida Identification Card and a declaration of domicile recorded prior to January 1st of the year in which you seek the exemption;
- Florida Auto Registration, for vehicles owned or leased by you, or registered to your business;
- Brevard County Voter Registration Card, if you are registered to vote;
- Social Security (SS) Card or another document with your SS number. Note: Social Security Number is required for the spouse of each applicant even if said spouse has no ownership interest;
- If not a U.S. citizen, a Resident Alien Card ("Green Card");
- If property is in trust, a copy of the trust agreement or recorded Memorandum of Trust;
- If the taxpayer owns property in another state, a letter from the appropriate governmental agency is needed to verify the taxpayer does not receive a residency based exemption in said jurisdiction;
- If the dwelling is a manufactured home, a copy of registration or title to the manufactured home;
- A copy of deed or tax bill.



Trusts and Life Estates

Did you put your homesteaded property in a trust or life estate in the last year? This change to your property's title will require you to update your homestead and senior exemption information with the Property Appraiser.



Important Dates

January 1 – Legal assessment date

March 1 – Deadline to apply for most exemptions

August – Notices of proposed property taxes mailed

September – Deadline to file Value Adjustment Board petitions

Office of the Property Appraiser Locations

Brevard County Government Complex - North
400 South Street, 5th Floor
Titusville, Florida 32780
(321) 264-6700

Brevard County Government Center
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, 1st Floor
Viera, Florida 32940
(321) 690-6880

Brevard County South Service Complex
1515 Sarno Road
Melbourne, Florida 32935
(321) 255-4440

Brevard County Service Complex
450 Cogan Drive SE
Palm Bay, Florida 32909
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