



# Homestead Exemption



## What Do I Need to Do to Apply for Homestead Exemption?

All persons seeking homestead exemption must complete an application; all owners who occupy should file. Applications can be filed online at BCPAO.us by March 1, via mail by downloading the application and mailing with required documentation, or in person at any office of the Brevard Property Appraiser.

## Do I Have to be a Citizen to Qualify?

Citizenship is not required to file for homestead exemption. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens must present a Permanent Resident Card (green card) when applying.

## What if the Property is in Trust?

When property is held in a trust, Florida law specifies those situations under which the resident may obtain homestead exemption. It is necessary for the applicant to furnish this office with a copy of the Trust agreement or a recorded Memorandum of Trust that states the applicant has present possessory right in Real Property owned by the trust.

## Can I Get Homestead Exemption on a Manufactured Home?

Yes, if you own the land where the manufactured home is located.

## What Other Exemptions are Available under Law?

State law entitles you to apply for an additional exemption as a widow/widower. Certain specified medical disabilities may also qualify for an additional exemption.

Residents 65 and over whose adjusted household income is in compliance with Florida Law (Section 196.75) may apply for an additional senior's exemption.

Florida law provides property tax exemptions for disabled veterans, deployed, reserved, active-duty members of any branch of the United States military, or their surviving spouses.

## What if I Miss the Deadline?

If the March 1 deadline is missed, you must file an application for exemption on or before the 25th day following the mailing of the notice of proposed property taxes (TRIM notice). Applications submitted after this date will apply for the next tax year. Along with the application, evidence supporting the reason for not filing by March 1 is required. If the reason for not filing by March 1 is denied by the Property Appraiser, the applicant must file a petition to the Value Adjustment Board on or before the mailing of the above referenced TRIM notice.

Dear Homeowner,

Property owners in Florida may be eligible for homestead exemptions and additional benefits that can substantially reduce their property tax liability. The homestead exemption and Save Our Homes assessment limitation help thousands of Florida homeowners save money on their property taxes every year. Further benefits are available to property owners with disabilities, senior citizens, disabled first responders, properties with specialized uses, and veterans, active-duty military service members, or their surviving spouses. Once obtained, most exemptions are renewed automatically each year for property owners that maintain permanent residency and make no changes to ownership status. Applications can be submitted year-round and we welcome every opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,



Dana Blickley, CFA

Brevard County Property Appraiser



### When Should I Apply?

An application for the Homestead Exemption may be submitted any time throughout the year, but must be submitted by March 1 of the year in which the benefit will be applied.



### What Will You Need to File?

- Recorded Deed
- Florida's Drivers License or ID card
- Florida Auto Registration
- Brevard County Voter Registration Card
- Social Security Card
- If not a US citizen, Permanent Resident Card
- If dwelling is a manufactured home, a copy of registration or title to the manufactured home

**IMPORTANT:** If a taxpayer owns property in any other state, a letter from the appropriate governmental department is needed to verify that the taxpayer does not receive benefits based on permanent residency in that state.

### Office of the Property Appraiser Locations

Brevard County Government Complex North  
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Viera, Florida 32940  
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Brevard County South Service Complex  
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(321) 255-4440

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Palm Bay, Florida 32909  
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