

SMART FACTS



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Where can I see my \$50,000 Homestead Exemption?

Look at the bottom left corner of your TRIM notice, marked "exemptions" and you will see a breakdown of each exemption applied to your property, including the additional Homestead Exemption.

IF YOUR ASSESSED VALUE IS...	YOUR EXEMPTION WILL BE...
\$75,000 or more	Original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption plus full \$25,000 additional Amendment 1 Homestead Exemption
\$50,000 - \$75,000	Original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption plus additional Amendment 1 Homestead Exemption up to \$25,000
\$50,000 or less	Original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption and no additional Amendment 1 Homestead Exemption

You will receive full benefit of the additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption if your property's assessed value is \$75,000 or more. If your assessed value is less than \$75,000 but greater than \$50,000, you will receive an additional Homestead Exemption equal to the amount of assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000. If your property's assessed value is \$50,000 or less, the property is not eligible to receive any benefit from the additional Homestead Exemption.

Three Ways You Can Lose Your Homestead Exemption

1. Receiving additional residency-based exemptions for properties in Florida or other states
2. Renting your homesteaded property more than 30 days in 2 consecutive years
3. Having a driver's license in another state or voting outside of Brevard County



Changes in Your Property's Title

If your marital status has changed since you last applied for a Homestead Exemption, you must re-apply. State law requires that you re-apply if your property's title changed in any way. The deadline for applying for any exemption is March 1st of the tax year in which you wish to receive the exemptions. Call our office at 321.264.6700 to speak with an exemption specialist or visit www.BCPAO.us for more information.

Attention New Homeowners!



You may qualify for substantial tax savings with a Homestead Exemption. This exemption is not automatically applied to your new home. You must file an application with the Property Appraiser. Failing to apply for your homestead exemption can cost you hundreds of dollars each year. Apply online at www.BCPAO.us

Field Inspections of Properties

Florida law requires the Property Appraiser to conduct field evaluations of each parcel every 5 years. When visiting your property, our staff will be easily identified by badges and shirts with both the county seal on the front and "COUNTY APPRAISER" on the back. Thank you for your help and assistance.



Tax Discounts for Veterans with a Service-Connected Disability

Disabled Ex-Servicemember: \$5,000 Exemption

Honorably-discharged Florida residents disabled at least 10% by war or service-connected events may qualify for a \$5,000 exemption on any one property owned.

Discount for Veterans 65 or Older with a Combat-Related Disability

Honorably-discharged ex-servicemembers 65 or older who are disabled and own homesteaded property may qualify for a property tax discount based on their disability percentage. Disability must be permanent and at least partially combat-related. This discount is additional to any other exemptions veterans now receive.

Service-Connected Total & Permanent Disability Exemption

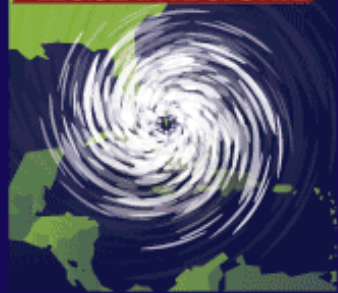
Honorably-discharged servicemembers who are totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected cause may qualify for 100% exemption from ad valorem property tax on their homesteaded property. A certificate from the United States Government or letter from Veterans Affairs is required.

A DD-214 and a letter from the Veterans Affairs Administration stating your percentage of "Service-Connected Disability" must be included with your application.



Florida Legislative Update—Tax Abatement for Homesteaded Properties Damaged by Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, or Irma

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



The Florida Legislature approved a tax abatement for homesteaded properties damaged by hurricanes in 2016 or 2017. To qualify, the property must be homesteaded and have been vacated for at least 30 days as a result of damage from hurricanes Hermine, Matthew or Irma. Owners must apply by March 1, 2019, and submit documentation showing the property was uninhabitable as a result of the storms. If approved by the Property Appraiser, the Tax Collector's Office will issue a tax refund after homeowners pay their 2019 property tax bill.

Are You 65 or Older?



You may qualify for additional tax savings if:

- ✓ You qualify for Homestead Exemption and;
- ✓ You were at least 65 years old on January 1st and;
- ✓ Your household adjusted

gross income received in 2017 did not exceed \$29,454.

Other exemptions are also available for homeowners. Visit our website at www.BCPAO.us and select Exemptions or call 321.264.6700 and speak with a representative for information on how you can apply for additional savings.

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 information with the Property Appraiser.

Value Adjustment Board

If you disagree with your real property's value, classification, exemptions, or tangible personal property value, kindly contact our office at **321.264.6700** to speak with a representative. If we are unable to resolve the matter, you may file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board at the Clerk of the Court, 400 South Street, 2nd Floor, Titusville, FL 32780. Petitions may also be filed online: brevardclerk.us/value-adjustment-board