

Are you interested in paying lower property taxes?

Would you like a discount on your taxes?

Discounts can be obtained by qualifying for exemptions.

What are Exemptions?

Exemptions are discounts awarded to property owners for the following reasons, please...

Ask Yourself:

Ask Yourself	Eligibility Requirements	Benefits
Do you own your home and occupy the residence?	If yes, you qualify for a Homestead Exemption. You must own and occupy the property on January 1 st of any given year. You will be eligible for the following year if you've purchased a home in the current year.	Receive \$100,000 in exemptions on your property value from your school district.
Are you 65 or over, or will you be 65 in current year and own a home?	If you own the home you occupy and are 65 or going to be 65 during the year, you are eligible for the same year. This is automatically applied if your Date of Birth is on file with the appraisal office	Various additional exemptions and tax ceilings from the taxing authorities.
Are you a surviving spouse age 55 or older of a deceased spouse with an over 65 exemption?	If yes, your spouse must have claimed the over-65 exemption at the time of death. This is automatically applied.	Continuation of tax ceilings from a qualifying spouse.
Are you 65 or older and have purchased a new home and want to transfer your exemption?	To transfer your over 65 exemption, you must fill out a new application indicating the purchase date of your new home along with a Tax Ceiling Certificate from your prior home's Appraisal District if your prior home was outside Victoria County.	Percentage of tax ceiling(s) are transferred to a new home.
Are you disabled, unable to work, and own your home?	If you are 100% disabled and unemployable, you are eligible. Submit a current letter from the Social Security Administration stating the effective date of your disability.	Receive \$10,000 in exemptions on your property value for school valuation.
Are you a Veteran with a minimum of 10% service-connected disability and own your property?	If yes, you are eligible for exemptions based on your disability percentage. You must submit a current letter from the Veteran's Administration stating your total combined percentage of service-connected disability.	Discount of \$5,000 to \$12,000 off your property value. Applies to all tax units.
Are you a Veteran with a service-connected disability rating of 100% or unemployable and own and reside in your own home?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents and a current letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting your compensation for 100% service-connected disability rating or unemployability.	100% exemption from property taxes
Are you the surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran who has not remarried since his/her death and still resides in the home the veteran claimed under the exemption?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents and a current letter from the Veteran's Administration stating the Veteran had a compensable 100% service-connected disability rating or unemployability at the time of his/her death.	100% exemption from property taxes

Are you the surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed in action, you own and reside in your home, and you have not remarried since his/her death?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents, a copy of your marriage certificate, and documentation affirming the deceased spouse was killed in action.	100% exemption from property taxes
Are you a Disabled Veteran with a disability rating of less than 100% and your residence homestead was donated to you by a charitable organization at no cost to you?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents, attach a current letter from the Veteran's Administration stating your total combined disability percentage, and include a copy of the recorded deed for your home reflecting the transfer of ownership from the charitable organization to you.	Exemption is equal to the percentage of Veterans' total combined percentage of the service-connected disability rating.
Are you the surviving spouse of a Disabled Veteran who qualified for the Donated Residence Homestead Exemption, you have not remarried since his/her death, and you still reside in the home the Veteran claimed under the exemption?	If yes, file the residential homestead application with the necessary documents, attach a copy of your marriage certificate, a copy of the death certificate, and a letter from the Veteran's Administration reflecting the Veterans service-connected disability rating at the time of his/her death.	Exemption is equal to the percentage of Veterans' total combined percentage of service-connected disability rating at his/her time of death.

To apply for any of these exemptions, please complete and submit the appropriate application (see below). We can also be reached by calling us at (361)576-3621 or come visit our office located at 2805 N. Navarro, St. Ste 300

Note: All exemptions on the Homestead application require a Texas driver's license or Texas identification. All mailing addresses must be the same as the property requesting the exemption.

Proof of legal ownership is required if the Appraisal District has not updated ownership:

- A **recorded** warranty deed or a recorded contract of sale (no deed of trust or release of lien)
- A divorce decree
- A copy of the probated will
- A **recorded** notarized affidavit of heirship

These services are provided FREE of charge. The Victoria Appraisal District is here to serve you! Please browse our website for more information.