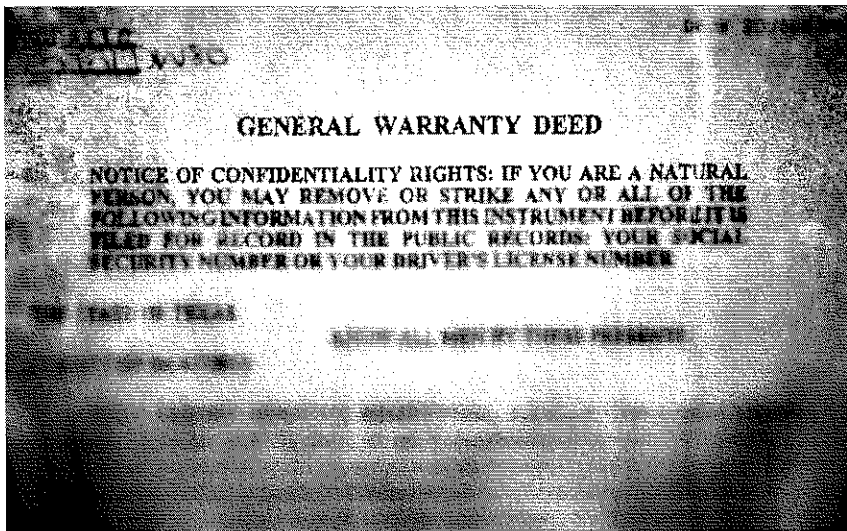


# General Residence Homestead Exemption Guide

## Residence Homestead General Requirements

The following requirements apply across the board for all residence homestead exemptions. All of the exemptions listed on the homestead application are collectively known as "Residence Homestead Exemptions." In order to qualify for any residence homestead exemption, you must own the property, provide a copy of your Texas driver's license, a copy of your vehicle registration receipt and apply using the official exemption application.

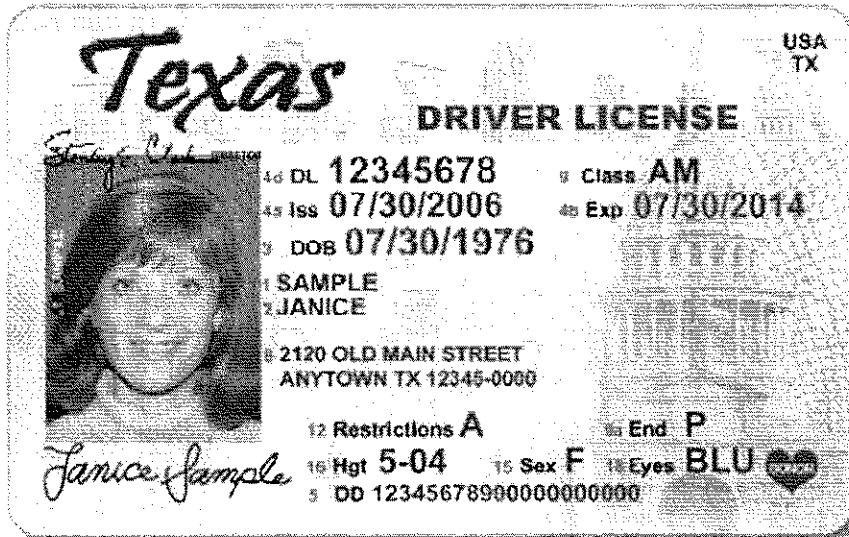
### 1. Ownership



#### Own the Property as of January 1st

First, you must own the property where you are seeking an exemption. If the property is not currently in your name, provide the deed, will & testament or other ownership instrument that conveys legal title to your name. We cannot approve a residence homestead exemption application for property you do not own.

### 2. Texas Driver's License



## Provide your License

Texas law requires you provide your Texas Driver License with your application. The address listed on your license must match that of the address where you are seeking an exemption. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule and only valid, Texas licenses are acceptable.

# 3. Vehicle Registration Receipt



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

## REGISTRATION RENEWAL RECEIPT



## Provide your Vehicle Registration Receipt

COUNTY: BRAZORIA	TAC NAME: RO'VIN GARRETT	EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/31/2011	EXPIRATION DATE: 12/31/2011
PLATE NO: 1234567	TIME: 01:35PM	EMPLOYEE ID: ANGLE99	TRANSACTION: PLATE EX
DOCUMENT NO: 123456789010121314			
RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS JOHN Q CITIZEN PO BOX 12345 RESIDENCE, TX 77515	OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS JOHN Q CITIZEN 123 PRIMARY ST RESIDENCE, TX 775	REGISTRATION CLASS: PASSENGER	PLATE TYPE: PASSENGER PLT
PREVIOUS PLATE NO: 1234567	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO: 56DWH574770154323	ORGANIZATION:	STICKER TYPE: WS
VE MAKE: 2012/2006	MODEL: BOV	BODY STYLE: TT	UNIT NO:

Texas law also requires you provide a copy of your vehicle registration receipt. This is the receipt you receive *after you pay* for the blue-framed sticker that goes on the windshield of your car every year.

If you throw away or misplaced your vehicle registration receipt, you may obtain a duplicate copy from the Brazoria County Tax Office. For information on obtaining a duplicate receipt and a listing of tax office satellite offices, contact the tax office and [click here](#).

Click on the image to the right to see what a duplicate vehicle registration receipt looks like.

# 4. Application

## Application for Residence Homestead Exemption



Property Tax  
Form 50-114

Appraisal District Name

Phone Area Code and Number

Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** This application is for use in claiming general homestead exemptions pursuant to Tax Code §11.13 and §11.131. The exemptions apply to your residence homestead that you own and occupy as your principal residence. You must furnish all information and documentation required by the application.

**WHERE TO FILE:** File the completed application and all required documents with the appraisal district for the county in which the property is located.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** For homestead exemptions other than the age 65 and over or disabled person homestead exemptions provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) and (d), you must file the completed application with all required documentation between January 1 and no later than April 30 of the year for which you are requesting an exemption. If you qualify for an age 65 and over homestead exemption provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) or (d), you must apply for the exemption no later than the first anniversary of the date you qualify for the exemption. If you qualify for a disabled person homestead exemption provided in Tax Code §11.13(c) or (d), you must apply for the exemption no later than the first anniversary of the date you qualify for the exemption. Pursuant to Tax Code §11.131, you may file a late application for a residence homestead exemption, including

## Complete the Application

In order to approve any exemption, the above listed documentation should be provided and the appropriate application should be completed. All fields applicable to you and your property should be completed. For detailed instructions on completing this form, please contact us using the information listed at the top right-hand corner of this page.

Click on the image to the right to be directed to the official "Application for Residence Homestead Exemption."

<b>Galveston Central Appraisal District</b> Taxpayer Information Department 9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Ste. A Texas City, Texas 77591 (409) 935-1980 or toll-free (866) 277-4725		<b>APPLICATION</b> <b>for</b> <b>RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</b>	
		Account #	Tax Year:
<b>Step 1</b>  Owner's Name and Address	Owner's Name (person completing application) and Current Mailing Address		Birth Date:  Telephone: (Area Code & Number) Home/Cell Phn.#:  Work:  Percent Ownership in Property: Other Owner's Percent Ownership:
	<b>Attach to Completed Form</b>		
<p><b>*FOR ALL EXEMPTION CATEGORIES - REQUIRED COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT:</b>          Texas Driver's License or Texas ID. The address on the driver's license or state ID must correspond to the address of the property for which an exemption is claimed in this application.</p>			
<b>Step 2</b>  Describe your Property	Street Address if different from above, or legal description if no street address		
	MOBILE HOMES – Give make, model and identification number: Attach a copy of statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs if home is 8' x 40' or larger. Or, attach a verified copy of the purchase contract that shows you are the owner of the mobile home. OPTIONAL – Number of acres used for residential purposes (yard, garden, garage, etc.) _____ acres		
<b>Step 3</b>  Check exemptions that apply to you	<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if (1) you owned this property on January 1; (2) you occupied it as your principal residence on January 1; and (3) you or your spouse have not claimed a residence homestead exemption on any other property. <b>(*See above document requirements)</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER-65 EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if you are 65 years of age or older. You can't claim a disability exemption if you claim this exemption. <b>(*See above document requirements)</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if you are under a disability for the purposes of payment of disability benefits under the Federal Old Age, Survivor's and Disability Insurance Act, or you met the definition of disabled in that Act. You can't claim an over-65 exemption if you claim this exemption. <b>(*Attach documentary proof of disability &amp; also above document requirements)</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 100% DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION: You qualify for this exemption if you are a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or its successor (1) 100 percent disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual un-employability from the VA. <b>(*Attach copy of your award letter or other document from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs &amp; also above document requirements)</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> SURVIVING SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN WHO RECEIVED 100% DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION: You may qualify for this exemption if you were married to a disabled veteran who qualified for 100% disability at the time of his or her death and (1) you have not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran and (2) the property was your residence homestead when the disabled veteran died it remains as your residence homestead. <b>(*see above)</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> OVER-55 SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE OVER-65 EXEMPTION: 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 over-65 exemptions on this residence homestead or would have applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of the spouse's death. <b>(*See above document requirements)</b>		
	Deceased Spouse's Name: _____		Date of Death: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check if you need to transfer a tax ceiling from your last home.</b>			
<b>Step 4</b> <i>if applicable</i>	COOPERATIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS Do you have an exclusive right to occupy this unit because you own stock in a cooperative housing corporation? <span style="float: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></span>		
<b>Step 5</b> <i>Check if late</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Application for homestead exemption for prior tax year of _____ Note: You must have met all of the qualifications checked above to receive the prior year tax exemption.		
<b>Step 6</b>  Sign and Date the application	By signing this application, you state that you are qualified for the exemptions checked above. You state that the facts in this application are true and correct. You also state that you do not claim an exemption on another residence homestead. You must notify the chief appraiser if and when your right to the exemptions ends. You swear or affirm that you have read, and understand the penalty for filing a false statement.		
	<b>SIGN HERE: (authorized signature)</b>		<b>DATE</b>
If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.			

\* You are required to give us this information on this form in order to perform tax related functions for this office. Section 11.43 of the Tax Code authorizes this office to request this information to determine tax compliance. The chief appraiser is required to keep the information confidential and not open to public inspection, except to appraisal office employees who appraise property and as authorized by Section 11.48(b), Tax Code.