



ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD AND RELATED TAX EXEMPTIONS

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Highlands County, Florida

Tax Year _____

New _____ Change _____ Additional _____

Parcel Number: _____

Applicant/co-applicant name and Mailing address:

Legal Description:

Applicant Social Security number: _____

Co-Applicant Social Security number: _____

NOTE: Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. It is required by section 196.011 (1), Florida Statutes. The social security number will be used to verify taxpayer identity information and homestead exemption information submitted to property appraisers.

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced
 Separated Widow Widower

Your last address:

Did you file Tax Exemptions last year? Yes No

Are you or your spouse receiving tax benefits in another county, state, or country? (i.e. Homestead, school tax relief, tax rebate, rollback, lottery credit, etc...) Yes No

If Yes, where? _____

Do you or your spouse own property anywhere other than Florida? Yes No

If Yes, where? _____

Do you or your spouse have an out of state drivers license or vehicle tag? Yes No

If Yes, where? _____

Permanent Florida residency required as of January 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homestead exemption up to \$50,000;
Added Benefits. See Page 2 for qualifications and required documents.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	By local ordinance - senior 65 and older, limited income
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Widowed exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Blind persons exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 Disability exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total and permanent disability - quadriplegics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain total and permanent disabilities - limited income - hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required, or legally blind
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled veteran discount, 65 or older
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran disabled 10% or more
<input type="checkbox"/>	Service connected total and permanent disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled veterans confined to wheelchair, service connected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deployed Military exemption
Ownership Information	
Percent of ownership _____	Type of deed _____
Recorded: Book _____	Page _____
Date of Deed _____	Date recorded _____

Proof of residence for all owners	Owner	Spouse	Other Owner
Address of each owner not residing on property			
Date you last became a permanent resident of Florida			
Date of occupancy			
Florida driver license number			
Florida vehicle tag number			
Florida voter registration number (if U.S. citizen)			
Immigration number (alien card - if not a U.S. citizen)	(Date)	(Date)	(Date)
Declaration of domicile	(Res.Date)	(Res.Date)	(Res.Date)
Date of birth			
Current employer			
Address listed on your last IRS return			

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Co-Applicant

Signature of Deputy

Date

Phone Number

Entered by



EXEMPTION AND DISCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

Basic Homestead Every person who owns and resides on real property in Florida on January 1, makes the property his or her permanent residence, and files an application, may receive a property tax exemption up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes. The added \$25,000 applies to assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes.

Your local property appraiser will determine whether you are eligible. The appraiser may consider information such as your place of employment, voter registration, driver license, vehicle license tag, utility bills, and federal income tax return address.

Save our Homes (SOH) Program Beginning the year after you receive homestead exemption, the assessment on your home cannot increase by more than the lesser of the change in the Consumer Price Index or 3% each year, no matter how much the fair market value increases. If you have moved from one Florida homestead to another within the last two years, you may be eligible to take some of your SOH savings with you. See your property appraiser for more information.

This page does not contain all the requirements that determine your eligibility for an exemption. Consult your local property appraiser and Chapter 196, Florida Statutes, for details.

Added Benefits Available for Qualified Homestead Properties				
	Amount	Qualifications	Forms and Documents	Statute
Exemptions				
Local option, Age 65 and older	Up to \$50,000	Local ordinance, limited income	Proof of age, DR-501SC, Household income	196.075
Widowed	\$500		Death certificate of spouse	196.202
Blind	\$500		Florida Physician DVA, or SSA	196.202
Disabled	\$500	Disabled	Florida Physician DVA, or SSA	196.202
	All Taxes	Quadriplegic	Two Florida Physicians or DVA	196.101
	All taxes	Hemiplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair required for mobility, or legally blind Limited income	DR-416, DR-416B, or Letters from 2 FL physicians (For the legally blind, one can be an optometrist) Letter from DVA, and DR-501A for household income	196.101
Veteran's Exemptions and Discount				
Disabled veteran discount, age 65 and older	% of disability	Combat-related disability Florida resident upon entering military	Proof of age Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.082
Veteran disabled 10% or more during wartime service	Up to \$5,000	Veteran or surviving spouse of 5 years	Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.24
Service connected, totally and permanent disability	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.081
Disabled veterans confined to wheelchair, service connected	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA, or US government	196.091
Deployed Military Exemption	All taxes	Active Military deployed to "Designated Operations"	Proof of Qualified Deployment DR-501M	193.173
* Department of Revenue (DR) forms are available at http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/property/forms/ DVA is the US Department of Veterans Affairs, SSA is the Social Security Administration.				

Penalties

The property appraiser has a duty to put a tax lien on your property if you received a homestead exemption during the past 10 years that you were not entitled to. The property appraiser will notify you and require you to pay the past taxes within 30 days. If this was not an error by the property appraiser, you may be charged a penalty of 50 percent of the unpaid taxes and 15% interest each year, see section 196.161(1), F.S. For special requirements for estates probated or administered outside Florida, see Section 196.161(1)(a), F.S.

The information in this application will be given to the Department of Revenue. Under s. 196.121, F.S., the Department and property appraisers can give this information to any state where the applicant has resided. Social security numbers will remain confidential under s.193.114(5), F.S.

Contact your Highlands Property Appraiser at (863) 402-6659

Visit the Department of Revenue web site at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/property/>