
WHAT IS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?

Every homeowner in Plaquemines Parish is able to claim Homestead Exemption from property taxes up to \$75,000 of value of their primary residence. This is a provision of the State Constitution.

PERMANENTLY APPLIED

If you apply and qualify for Homestead Exemption, it will remain on the property, as long as you continue to own the property and declare it as your primary residence. Once approved, you do not need to reapply.

ONE HOME, ONE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Because you can only have one primary residence, you may only apply for Homestead Exemption on one home, even if you own multiple residences or properties.

OTHER EXEMPTIONS: DISABILITY, AGE, VETERANS

Homeowners who meet any of the following criteria may qualify for a Special Assessment Level. This "freezes" the property's assessed value. Taxes will fluctuate with millage rates. You may qualify if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Have a permanent disability
- Are the documented surviving spouse of someone killed in action, missing in action, or a prisoner of war
- Are the surviving spouse of a first responder who died while on active duty

HOW TO FILE FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

To claim Homestead Exemption in Plaquemines Parish, the homeowner must provide the assessor's office with the following:

- A signed and dated Homestead Exemption form
- A valid Louisiana Driver's License or valid photo I.D.
- A current utility bill for the property, showing the property as the service location with mailing address, and showing standard residence usage (ex. water bill)

Documents must be submitted in person.

HOW TO FILE FOR AN AGE (SENIOR) FREEZE

To qualify for an age freeze, the homeowner must be at least 65 years of age and make less than \$77,030 annually.

Once approved, the freeze is permanent, and you do not need to reapply on an annual basis. To apply, the following must be submitted:

1. Homestead Exemption must be in place
2. Proof of annual income: 1040 adjusted gross income of prior year's tax return. (*When submitting personal documents, please hide your social security number.*)

HOW TO FILE FOR A VETERANS OR DISABILITY FREEZE

To apply, the following must be submitted:

1. Homestead Exemption must be in place
2. ONE of the following:
 - a. A letter from a federal or state agency (i.e. Social Security) confirming the total disability, OR
 - b. A service-connected disability of 50% or more with a Veterans Administration (VA) letter of determination or notice of award
3. Proof of annual income: 1040 adjusted gross income of prior year's income tax return. (*When submitting personal documents, please hide your social security number.*)

*If you are a 100% Disabled Veteran, you qualify for Homestead Exemption on up to \$150,000 of the value of your home.

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