

## To Qualify

To qualify for the homestead exemption, you must be a person who, on January 1, has legal title or equitable title to property that you, in good faith, claim as your permanent residence. New homestead exemption applications, with required documents, are due by March 1.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO PROVIDE?

- Proof of Ownership (Deed or Tax Bill)
- If you, your spouse and/or any additional owners of the property received an exemption or tax credit/rebate/rollback benefit from another state, a letter from that state or County Assessment Office indicating that the exemption has been cancelled must be provided or a copy of the settlement sheet, if you recently SOLD your home.
- A Florida driver license reflecting the homestead property address.
  - **If you do not drive;** a Florida Identification Card reflecting the homestead property address.
- Social Security cards or other documents with your Social Security number are required **for all owners and their spouses making application**, even if the spouse does not own and/or reside on the property.

*It is very important for you to know that Social Security numbers will remain confidential pursuant to FS 193.114(6) and FS 193.074.*
- A Permanent Residence Card (Green Card, a copy of front and back), if you are not a U.S. Citizen.
- A Florida Voter Registration Card reflecting the homestead property address, if you are a voter.
- A Florida Vehicle Registration reflecting the homestead property address.
- A copy of Utility bills may be required.

### Special Notes

\* If title to the property on which you are applying is held in a trust, a copy of the trust may be requested with the application.

- If you are applying on a mobile home, proof of ownership is required for both the mobile home (if the title to the mobile home has not been retired) and the land. Please bring your mobile home real property registration or title to our office when completing this application.

## File for Homestead online today!

### It's easy!

Look for this image on our website homepage at [www.citruspa.org](http://www.citruspa.org). Once you click on the blue button you will be directed to the application, directions and information.



## Important Dates

### January 1

Official date of property assessment. Status of property on this date determines its market value. This is also the effective date for residency for the homestead exemption.

### March 1

**Deadline to file applications** for Homestead, Widow/Widower, Deployed Military and Disability Exemption with the Property Appraiser's office.

### Mid-August

Notice of Proposed Property Tax, also known as the TRIM Notice, is mailed. Actual date varies.

### September (25 days after TRIM)

Deadline to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board if you disagree with your property's market value, exemptions or classification.

## Two Office Locations

### Court House Annex—INVERNESS OFFICE

210 N. Apopka Ave., Suite 200  
Inverness, FL 34450

Phone (352) 341-6600 TTY 7-1-1

FAX: (352) 341-6660

Exemptions Fax: (352) 341-6515

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

### West Citrus Center—CRYSTAL RIVER OFFICE

1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Suite 400  
Crystal River, FL 34429

(352) 564-7130 FAX: (352) 564-7131

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Email: [ccpaweb@citruspa.org](mailto:ccpaweb@citruspa.org)

Website: [www.citruspa.org](http://www.citruspa.org)



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*Valuing the property that you value.*

# Property Tax Exemptions



Visit our website for information, instructions and other useful resources.

[www.citruspa.org](http://www.citruspa.org)



# Added Benefits Available for Qualified Homestead Properties

	Amount	Qualifications	Forms and Documents*	Statute
<b>Exemptions</b>				
Widowed	\$500		Death certificate of spouse	196.202
Blind	\$500		Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$500	Disabled	Florida physician, DVA*, or SSA**	196.202
	All taxes	Quadriplegic	2 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, household income	196.101
<b>Veterans and First Responders Exemptions and Discount</b>				
Disabled veteran discount, age 65 and older	% of disability	Combat-related disability	Proof of age, DR-501DV Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.082
Veteran, disabled 10% or more by misfortune or during wartime service	\$5,000	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.24
Veteran confined to wheelchair, service-connected, totally disabled	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.091
Service-connected, totally and permanently disabled veteran or surviving spouse	All taxes	Veteran or surviving spouse	Proof of disability, DVA*, or US government	196.081
Surviving spouse of veteran who died while on active duty	All taxes	Surviving spouse	Letter attesting to the veteran's death while on active duty	196.081
First responder totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty or surviving spouse	All taxes	First responder or surviving spouse	Proof of Disability, employer certificate, physician's certificate and SSA** (or additional physician certificate)	196.102
Surviving spouse of first responder who died in the line of duty	All taxes	Surviving spouse	Letter attesting to the first responder's death in the line of duty	196.081

Department of Revenue (DOR) forms are available at <http://floridarevenue.com/dor/property/forms/>.

\*DVA is the US Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, \*\*SSA is the Social Security Administration.

*This 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.*