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.

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
Website: www.citruspa.org

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### Added Benefits Available for Qualified Homestead Properties

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*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.