



## Eligibility requirements for a Homestead Exemption

You may qualify for a homestead exemption if:

- You owned the property on January 1
- You occupied it as your principal residence on January 1
- You or your spouse do not claim a residence homestead exemption on any other property
- Have a valid Texas Drivers License or Texas ID with the property address

## About Us

The primary function of the El Paso Central Appraisal District (EPCAD) is to provide a timely and accurate appraisal roll to the taxing entities of El Paso while providing quality service to the taxpayers of El Paso in the most cost effective manner possible.

The El Paso Central Appraisal District is supported entirely by the participating taxing entities of El Paso County.

The mission of the El Paso Central Appraisal District is to accurately and equitably interpret the market value of all taxable property in El Paso County.

## El Paso Central Appraisal District

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## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

*General Information  
on applying for a  
Residential Homestead Exemption*

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## Property tax in Texas

### How does my value affect my taxes?

Property tax in Texas is a locally assessed and locally administered tax. There is no state property tax. Property taxes pay for schools, roads, police and firemen, emergency response services, libraries, parks, and other services provided by local government. Texas state law provides for a variety of exemptions from property tax for property and property owners that qualify for the exemption. Local taxing units have the option to decide whether or not to offer additional exemptions under a local option.

## Homestead Exemption

As a homeowner in Texas, you are eligible to apply for a tax break from property taxes on your principal residence called a Homestead Exemption. Homestead Exemptions remove part of your home's value from taxation, so they lower your taxes. Currently, the homestead exemption for school taxes is \$25,000.

## Age 65+ and Disabled Person's Exemption

Age 65 or older and Disabled individuals qualify for an additional \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes. If the owner qualifies for both the age 65 or older exemption and the disabled exemption, the owner must choose one or the other for school taxes.



### How do I qualify for the additional \$10,000 Age 65 or older or Disabled Person's Homestead Exemption?

You may qualify for the exemption on the date you become age 65 or become disabled. To receive the exemption for that year, age 65 or older or disabled homeowners must apply for the exemption no later than two years after taxes are due. If your application is approved, you will receive the exemption for the entire year and for subsequent years as long as you own a qualified homestead.



### How do I qualify for a Disabled Person's exemption?

You are eligible if you qualify to receive disability benefits administered by the Social Security Administration. A copy of the disability award letter must be provided with your application to the appraisal district.

## Additional Information

Applications and additional information is available at the Appraisal District office during normal business hours. You may download an application online at:

[www.epcad.org/forms](http://www.epcad.org/forms) under the Homestead Exemption section or visit the Texas Comptroller Website <https://comptroller.texas.gov/forms>

Additional information on Local Options may be viewed at:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/docs/96-1708.pdf>