

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED?

Based on Ohio Law and a review of the information you provide, the Auditor's Office will determine if you qualify for the Homestead Exemption.

If you are qualified, the exemption reduction will appear on the tax bill which you receive the following January.

If you do not qualify for the exemption, the Auditor will notify you by mail.



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Tax Reduction Information For
Marion County Residents



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The Homestead Exemption allows senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled Ohioans to reduce their property tax burden by shielding some of the market value of their home from taxation.

The exemption, which takes the form of a tax credit on property tax bills, allows qualifying homeowners to exempt \$25,000 of the market value of their home from all local property taxes.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Any Ohio resident homeowner who:

- Is at least 65 years old or will reach age 65 during the current tax year; **or**
- Is certified totally and permanently disabled as of Jan. 1 of the current tax year, regardless of age; **or**
- Is the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner, and who was at least 59 years old on the date of their spouse's death.

To qualify, an Ohio resident also must own and occupy a home as their principal place of residence as of Jan. 1 of filing year. For individuals who own more than one home, the principal place of residence is the home where the person is registered to vote.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply, complete the application form (DTE 105A) and file it with the county auditor. The form is available on the Website at: www.co.marion.oh.us/auditor, www.tax.ohio.gov, or by calling the office at (740) 223-4020

WHAT IS DEFINED AS "PERMANENTLY" AND TOTALLY DISABLED?

Section 4503.064 of the Revised Code defines "permanently and totally disabled" as a person who has:

"Some impairment in body or mind that makes him unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment which he is reasonably able to perform and which will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least 12 months".

An appropriate certificate of disability, (DTE 105E) form must be filled out and signed by a licensed physician or psychologist and submitted with the Homestead Exemption application.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Application for the Homestead program may be filed from the **first Monday in January** until the **first Monday in June** each year.

To obtain an application or information call 740-223-4020.

Since manufactured homeowners pay their taxes currently, they must file their Homestead Exemption application during the year prior to the year for which the reduction is requested to get the benefit on their tax bills.

DOES THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AFFECT OTHER REAL ESTATE TAX REDUCTIONS?

The Homestead Exemption is an additional reduction in real estate taxes beyond the other property tax deduction and rollbacks.

WHAT IS THE PENALTY FOR FALSE INFORMATION?

A conviction of willfully falsifying information to obtain a reduction in assessable value, or failure to report any changes in total income, ownership, disability, or other relevant information on a timely filed continuing application will result in ineligibility for a period of three (3) years.

By signing the Homestead Exemption Application, you affirm, under penalty and perjury, that you did not acquire the home from another person (not your spouse, or a relative) for the purpose of qualifying for the Homestead Exemption.