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**Clay County Property Appraiser**  
Announces To Clay County Citizens:



● General List of Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions and Reductions ●

- Homestead Exemption up to \$50,000
- Veterans Service Connected Total and Permanent Disability Exemption
- \$5,000 Exemption for Disabled Ex-Servicemember or Surviving Spouse
- Exemption for Disabled Veterans Confined to Wheelchairs
- Homestead Property Tax Discount for Veterans Age 65 and Older With a Combat Related Disability
- Charitable, Religious, Scientific, or Literary Exemption
- Homestead Ad Valorem Tax Credit for Deployed Military Personnel\*  
\*New for 2011 Assessment Year
- Additional Homestead Exemption up to \$50,000 for Persons 65 and Older\*  
\*Annual application and income verification required
- Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons Exemption\*  
\*Annual income verification required
- \$500 Exemption for Widows, Widowers, Blind Persons, and Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons
- Reduction in Assessment for Living Quarters of Parents or Grandparents
- Educational Property Exemption
- Real Property Dedicated in Perpetuity for Conservation Exemption
- Agricultural Classification

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 1st.

*Property Appraiser's Office Locations*

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1518 Park Avenue,  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
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For more information, please contact our offices or website at [www.ccpao.com](http://www.ccpao.com)

## What forms do I need and where can I get them?

Most of the exemptions can be applied for using the form DR-501 Exemptions Application. The remainder of the exemptions, portability transfers and classifications each have a specific form. Those forms are available on our website.

Go to our website at [www.ccpao.com](http://www.ccpao.com), select "Forms Download", then select the form you need. This will direct you to the title of the form (which is also a download link) and a brief description of the qualifications and appropriate use of that form. When you click on the title or link, an adobe acrobat session will open and the document will then be available for you to complete online, print, sign and mail to this office. Be certain to include any supporting documents that are required or it could slow the processing of your application.

Tangible Personal Property forms for online filing, electronic filing agreement, change of business status and present worth tables are also available online.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is homestead exemption?**

Under the Florida Constitution, qualified residents may receive an exemption that reduces the taxable value of their property by as much as \$50,000.

### **Who qualifies for homestead exemption?**

Florida residents who have legal or equitable title to property, occupy the home, and have the intention of making the property their permanent residence as of January 1, are eligible for homestead exemption.

### **Do I have to be a U.S. Citizen?**

Yes, except resident aliens and residents permanently residing in the United States under color of law.

### **When do I apply?**

You are urged to file as soon as possible once you own and

occupy the residence. First time applicants must file before the deadline of March 1, for the tax year in which they wish to apply.

### **What if I miss the deadline?**

Missing the March 1 filing deadline waives your right to the privilege of homestead exemption until the following year. However, if you missed the deadline due to "extenuating circumstance", you should contact our office for further information.

### **Do I need to apply for homestead exemption every year?**

If you received a homestead exemption last year and still own and occupy that residence with the intention of making it your permanent home, your exemption application will be renewed automatically. A renewal notice will be mailed to you in early January. It is your responsibility

to notify the Property Appraiser if your eligibility for the homestead exemption has changed.

### **Can homestead exemption be transferred?**

No. You must make a new application every time you establish a new residence. Title and residency as of January 1, determine your eligibility for homestead exemption. The exemption on your property when you purchased it, is not yours and is not transferrable to you.

### **What is Portability?**

Portability provides for the transfer of accumulated Save-Our-Homes benefit. Homestead property owners will be able to transfer their Save-Our-Homes benefit to a new homestead within two years of relinquishing their previous homestead.