



Dear Homeowner,

If you are 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled, and meet the income qualifications, the Stark County Auditor's Office can reduce your property taxes through the Homestead Exemption Program. Please read this brochure and contact us about an application.

If you need additional information or have questions, please feel free to contact my office, we are here to assist you.

Sincerely,

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Homeowners age 65 and older, the surviving spouse of a previously qualified person who is at least 59 years of age, and homeowners who are “totally and permanently disabled” as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for which the application is filed may qualify for the Homestead Exemption. Effective January 1, 2014 all first-time applicants will have to meet income qualification. Please contact our office for the current income amount.

### **What types of properties are eligible for the Homestead Exemption?**

Single family homes, mobile/manufactured homes, condominiums, and certain other specialized ownership types occupied as the principal residence of the owner.

### **Who is considered a homeowner?**

In general, a person whose name appears on the deed, a purchaser under a land contract, a person with a life estate, or a person who is a trustee or a settlor of a trust. Homeowners must own and occupy their residence by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for which the application is filed.

### **How do I apply for the Homestead Exemption?**

You need to file a “Homestead Exemption Application” (Form #DTE105A) available from the Stark County Auditor’s Office or on the web at [www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor](http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor) listed under “Applications and Forms”.

### **Will I lose other discounts that I am currently receiving?**

No. The Homestead Exemption is a separate discount that will show on your tax bill.

### **What is the filing deadline?**

The Ohio Department of Taxation’s filing deadline is December 31st.

### **What if I move but I am already receiving the Homestead Exemption?**

Persons who received a Homestead Exemption on property within Ohio for tax year 2013 may move to a new residence within the state and qualify for the Homestead Exemption on a new, otherwise qualifying home without meeting the income qualification. Please fill out the “Addendum to the Homestead Application” to help County Auditors track these situations so that all who are eligible receive the exemption.

### **How much will my taxes be reduced by the Homestead Exemption?**

The exemption is based upon a reduction of \$28,000 in the “market value” appraisal of the home. Depending on the tax rate in your district, the reduction would normally result in a savings of \$300 to \$500 per year (\$150 to \$250 per half) in Stark County.

### **How do I apply for a Veterans Homestead Exemption?**

You need to file a “Homestead Exemption Application for Disabled Veterans” (Form #DTE105I) available from the Stark County Auditor’s Office or on the web at [www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor](http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor) listed under “Applications and Forms”. You also must provide a letter by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs showing you are 100% service connected disabled or you are compensated at 100%. Under the Enhanced Exemption for Disabled Veterans, the exemption is based upon a reduction of \$56,000 in the “market value” appraisal of the home.

### **How will I know if my application has been approved?**

You will receive a letter of approval or a letter of denial after your application has been reviewed. If you are denied based on income, you are free to apply each and every year if your status changes.

### **How do I show proof of my disability?**

The date of the onset of the disability must be as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for which the application is filed. You must provide either a “Certificate of Disability” signed by a physician or a certificate from any state or federal agency that classifies persons as permanently and totally disabled as defined for Ohio’s Homestead Exemption program. The “Certificate of Disability” may be obtained on our website at [www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor](http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor) under “Applications and Forms”.

### **Do I have to file a new application every year?**

Once you have qualified for the exemption, you will receive a continuing form from the County Auditor every year. You will only need to return that form if there is a change in the owner’s eligibility status or in ownership of the property.

### **QUESTIONS?**

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