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## Homestead Exemption: Are You Eligible?

### What is the NEW Homestead Exemption?

Homestead Exemption has expanded. The NEW and EXPANDED Homestead Exemption is open to any Ohio homeowner who is 65 or anyone certified totally and permanently disabled. For an application and more information, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at 800-282-1780 or online at [tax.ohio.gov](http://tax.ohio.gov) or contact the county auditor's office where you live.

### Who is eligible?

There are three requirements for eligibility:

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

### When can I apply?

Eligible homeowners may apply for the NEW Homestead Exemption with their county auditor starting January 8, 2008; the last day is June 2, 2008.

The application form is available online at [tax.ohio.gov](http://tax.ohio.gov) by clicking on Homestead Exemption or contact the Ohio Department of Taxation at 800-282-1780.

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

If the county auditor approves your application, the county treasurer will notify you.

If the county auditor denies your application, you will receive a notice.

### How much tax relief will I get?

Eligible homeowners are able to shield \$25,000 worth of the market value of their home from local property taxes. For example, the owner of a \$100,000 home who is eligible for the Homestead

Exemption would be billed as if the home were worth \$75,000.

**Will I have to apply every year to receive the Homestead Exemption?**

No. If your circumstances change and you no longer qualify for the Homestead Exemption, you must notify the county auditor by the first Monday in June.

**What if I received a larger tax credit under the old version of the Homestead Exemption? Will I lose out?**

Taxpayers will automatically receive whichever credit is larger, and the amount of the credit received in the future cannot be decreased below the amount of savings on tax bills during 2007.

**Reference**

Ohio Department of Taxation

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