

Homestead Verification Process

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Homeowners generally don't need to reapply annually for their homestead exemption; however, the Chief Appraiser of your local appraisal district may periodically require verification to confirm continued eligibility for the exemption(s) on your property.

Responsibilities of Local Appraisal Districts

State law requires local appraisal districts, like the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD), to audit records every five years to confirm that property owners still qualify for their claimed exemptions. If your local appraisal district cannot confirm that an exemption should remain on your property, the appraisal district might ask you to reapply and verify your information to continue your exemption benefits.

Why Verification Matters

- Ensures homeowners receive the correct tax exemptions.
- Prevents improper exemptions that could lead to penalties.
- Helps maintain accurate property records.



Important Note: Respond in a timely manner or contact your local appraisal district with your questions if you receive an official notification asking you to reapply or verify your homestead exemption. If you do not respond with the required information, your exemptions may be removed and you may see an increase in your property tax bill.

Steps to Verify Your Homestead Exemption

In Travis County you can verify your homestead exemption following these easy steps:

1. **Visit the TCAD Website** | Go to <https://traviscad.org/verify> and click the "verify online" button to enter your property's address. For direct support contact TCAD at 512-834-9317.
2. **Check Homestead Status** | Review the listed exemptions for your property and ensure your name and address are correct.
3. **Submit Required Documents** | If needed, submit the required Texas Driver's License or ID card with the matching property address and any additional verification documents requested by TCAD.
4. **Confirm or Update Information** | If information is incorrect, follow the online instructions to update your property's records.

How will I know if I need to verify my homestead exemption?

In Travis County, TCAD will send a formal notice by mail if verification is required. Additionally, if you have an online portal account, you will receive a notification there as well.

Why am I being asked to reapply for or verify my exemption(s)?

Local appraisal districts are required to audit their exemption records every five years and in some cases may contact you for more information to confirm that your exemptions should continue.

What happens if I don't reapply for or verify my exemption(s)?

If you do not verify your eligibility your exemption might be removed. This will change your property's tax liability.

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