



Harris Central Appraisal District News Release

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HCAD Offers Residential Exemption Help

Houston — The Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD) will be offering free exemption assistance to help homeowners complete exemption forms before the April 30 filing deadline.

“Exemptions are one of the easiest ways a homeowner can reduce the taxable value of their property and reduce their tax bill,” said Adam Bogard, chief appraiser. “Whether you’re applying for a residential exemption for the first time or have questions about a specific exemption type, these assistance sessions allow you to speak directly with an HCAD representative for personalized guidance.”

The residential exemptions workshops will take place Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30 with both virtual and on-site sessions from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants can sign up for an available 30-minute time slot to meet individually with appraisal district staff who will answer questions and provide one-on-one help completing the forms. There is no charge to attend.

Registration is now open at www.hcad.org > Online Services > Exemption Assistance, with virtual and in-person dates listed.

There are nuances in the Texas Tax Code that allow for later deadlines for several exemption types, however submitting an application early helps ensure the exemption is processed by the appraisal district and the taxing jurisdictions in time to be included in the 2026 tax bill.

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HCAD also has created a new Exemption Wizard to help homeowners determine if they are eligible for an exemption and provide a link to the application form. The Exemption Wizard is available on the main page of the HCAD website. Videos explaining the benefits of exemptions and the types of exemptions also are available on the HCAD website under HELP > VIDEOS, along with a step-by-step video on how to fill out the online exemption application form.

Property owners with questions about the residential exemptions or the requirements are encouraged to attend any of the assistance sessions, call the appraisal district's Information Center at 713.957.7800 or complete and submit a web form available at www.hcad.org > ABOUT > CONTACT US > ACCOUNT QUESTIONS/INFORMATION.

About HCAD

The Harris Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.9 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$938 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving more than 600 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.

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