

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR TAX RELIEF?

Property Taxpayer Remedies

Learn about property tax remedies available in the following:

- How to protest property value
 - What can be protested
 - What is an ARB
 - When are protests filed
- You'll learn steps to prepare for a protest hearing. **Property Taxpayer Remedies Publication #96-295** will tell you how to prepare a protest to the local Appraisal Review Board (ARB).
- You'll learn the types of protests the Appraisal Review Board can hear and what kind of evidence you need to bring to your hearing.
- Key dates are listed, so you'll know what you must do and when you're required to act.

Property Taxpayer Remedies is free

**A [Spanish language version](#) is also available, ask for yours today at:

Webb County Appraisal District
3302 Clark Blvd. Laredo, TX 78043
Phone: (956) 718-4091 Fax: (956) 718-4052
Email: igonzaalez@webbcad.org
Website: www.webbcad.org

Or

Write to: Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar
Property Tax Assistance Division
1711 San Jacinto, Third Floor
Austin, TX 78701

or call: 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the information service team

Or on the Web at:

www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax

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REMEMBER TO "RENDER!" TAXABLE PROPERTY RENDITIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 17

DOES THIS APPLY TO YOU?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does!

WHAT IS A RENDITION?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF FILING?

- ✓ You give your opinion of your property's value.
- ✓ You record your mailing address so your tax bills will go to the correct address.
- ✓ If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

- The last day for filing 2017 renditions is **April 17**.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 17 deadline.
- The Chief Appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File your rendition at:

Business Personal Property Department
Webb County Appraisal District
3302 Clark Blvd.
Laredo, Texas 78043-3346
Phone: (956) 718-4091 Ext. 3763
Website: www.webbcad.org

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A VARIETY OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS COULD LOWER YOUR PROPERTY TAXES!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by decreasing its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$25,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were valued at \$25,000.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR AN EXEMPTION?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$25,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

ARE OTHER EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE?

If you're disabled or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 and older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran, surviving spouse or surviving child of a disabled veteran, you are entitled to an exemption of a portion of the appraised value of your residence homestead. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans, and their surviving spouses.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual employability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, (VA) you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been effective at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions.

If you are the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed services member killed in action, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your residence homestead.

DO I HAVE TO APPLY EACH YEAR?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home last year, you won't need to reapply unless your Chief Appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home or if you've moved to a new home, you'll need to file an application for exemption. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

WHEN AND WHERE SHOULD I FILE?

Exemption applications shall be filed before May 1st

At: Webb County Appraisal District
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If you need more time, contact: Customer Service Department at (956) 718-4091, press option "1"

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"PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL" MAY LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR FARM, RANCH OR TIMBERLAND!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers, wildlife managers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the productivity value of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with the appraisal district office.

DO YOU NEED TO REAPPLY ANNUALLY?

If your land already receives the agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the Chief Appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

Webb County Appraisal District
Departamento de Agricultura Y Ranchos
3302 Clark Blvd.
Laredo, TX 78043-3346
Phone: (956) 718-4091 Ext. 3786
Website: www.webbcad.org

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