

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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## PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

The month of January is the qualification date for most property tax saving exemptions. One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her tax bill is by filing a residential homestead exemption application with the Appraisal District. This exemption removes part of your home's value from taxation and consequently lowers your property school tax. Property owners cannot claim a homestead tax exemption on a second home, a rental property or a vacation home.

Exemption applications ask for most or all of the information needed to decide an exemption issue. Most exemption cases will depend on one or more of the following three issues: (1) the owner's eligibility; (2) the property's qualifications; or (3) the property's use.

Generally tax exemptions require a one-time application; however, the Chief Appraiser may request a new application at any time. A variety of other property tax saving exemptions for property owners include:

- **AGE 65 OR OLDER** (must be 65 at the time of the application)
- **DISABLED PERSONS** (must be disabled through social security office)
- **DISABLED VETERANS** (must be disabled through the Veteran's Administration Office)

Applications are now being accepted and continue throughout the year, however, the Appraisal District encourages property owners to take advantage and apply before April 30th.

For more information about any of these exemptions, requirement or qualifications contact the Webb County Appraisal District's Customer Service staff at (956) 718-4091, option 1 or visit our office located at 3302 Clark Blvd., Laredo, TX 78043. Business hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Property owners may also find information by logging in our website at: [www.webbcad.org](http://www.webbcad.org). Follow us on Facebook!

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