

LIFE EVENTS THAT AFFECT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

If you receive Property Tax Exemptions in Florida, you must report certain life-changing events to your Property Appraiser. These events may change the status of current exemptions and / or qualify you to apply for new or additional exemptions.



CHANGE OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE

If you move, abandon or rent your home you will **lose** your residency-based exemptions. Once you have lost your exemptions, you **must reapply**. If a homeowner relocates to an Assisted Living Facility / Nursing Home / Private Care, they may be eligible to keep their exemptions if the home is not rented and furnishings are present.



CHANGE OF MARITAL STATUS

Are you separated? If so, do you know this could affect your exemptions? Have you divorced? Are you in the middle of your divorce? Do you know that how your Final Judgement of Divorce is written could affect your exemptions? Are you a widow / widower that has recently remarried? If so, you are no longer eligible to receive a widow/ widower exemption.



DEATH OF PROPERTY OWNER OR SPOUSE

Has your spouse recently passed away? You may be eligible for a widow / widower exemption and additional carryover benefits. The death of a homeowner will change exemption benefits; their heir should contact the Property Appraiser's office at their earliest convenience.



CHANGE IN VETERAN OR MILITARY STATUS

Are you a disabled Veteran who has had a change in your disability percentage? If so, your Veteran's exemption should be reviewed in order to ensure you are receiving the highest tax benefit. Are you active military personnel and stationed elsewhere? If so, we need your current military orders to continue your exemptions if you are renting your home.



CHANGE IN AGE

Have you or your spouse reached the age of 65? If so, you may be eligible for a Senior's exemption (*there is a household income requirement*). Have you lived in your home for 25 or more years and are 65? If so, you may be eligible for an additional Senior's exemption.



CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Did you know that if your income increases and you have an exemption that is income-based, that your property appraiser needs to be informed? There are certain exemptions that require you to submit income verification each year.



OTHER CHANGES AFFECTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

If you become disabled, there are several disability exemptions you may be eligible for. Did you know if your home falls victim to an incident such as a fire, tornado, hurricane etc. and you are temporarily displaced, you may be eligible to keep your homestead exemption during the remodel / repair period for up to 3 years?

Notice: The State of Florida has severe penalties for receiving an exemption you are not entitled to and unqualified exemptions will result in a 50% penalty and 15% interest for up to 10 Years.