



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

RESIDENCY CHECKLIST

Harris County Board of Tax Assessors | Policy effective 7/14/2026

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You must occupy the property as your primary and legal residence as of January 1 of the application year.

1 BEFORE YOU APPLY

- ☐ I occupied this property on January 1.
- ☐ This is my primary and legal residence.
- ☐ I do not claim another homestead exemption.

2 REQUIRED FOR EVERY APPLICANT

- ☐ Georgia driver's license
- ☐ Georgia identification card

PLUS one of the following:

- ☐ Vehicle registration
- ☐ Voter registration
- ☐ Other evidence requested by the Chief Appraiser

4 SWORN AFFIDAVIT

If your mailing address differs, you must also sign a sworn statement confirming this is your primary residence and that no other homestead exemption is claimed in Georgia or another state.

3 IF YOUR MAILING ADDRESS DIFFERS

Choose any three (3). Each document must be dated within the last 60 days and show the owner's name and the property's physical (situs) address.

- ☐ Power bill
- ☐ Water bill
- ☐ Gas bill
- ☐ Landline phone bill
- ☐ Mortgage statement

NOT ACCEPTED: Cell phone or cable bills

P.O. BOXES & RURAL DELIVERY

A P.O. box or alternate mailing address does not automatically disqualify you, but you must provide enough evidence that the property is your primary residence.

HOW THE COUNTY MAY VERIFY YOUR APPLICATION

Property inspections | Utility accounts | Voter and motor vehicle records
Government databases | Third-party verification services

Missing documentation may result in denial. Applicants may appeal in accordance with Georgia law.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 48-5-40, 48-5-44, 48-5-45, 48-5-47, 48-5-299, 48-5-300, and 48-5-306. This checklist summarizes the Board's Policy for Verification of Residency for Homestead Exemption Applications and does not replace the full policy.