

Lauderdale County Assessor 2600 Courthouse Blvd Meridian, MS 39301

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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

TO FILE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, YOU MUST COME TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE & APPLY BETWEEN THE FIRST REGULAR BUSINESS DAY AFTER JANUARY 1ST & ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1ST.

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TAX BENEFITS:

- 1. Be a legal resident of Mississippi
- 2. Own & occupy the property as of January 1st of the year you file.
- 3. Comply with Mississippi income tax requirements.

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING OR KNOW, IF APPLICABLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 1. Tag numbers of all the vehicles you own.
- 2. Social Security number(s) of owner & spouse.
- 3. Purchase price of the property.
- 4. Amount of down payment.
- 5. Previous owner's name.
- 6. If over sixty-five (65), you will need to bring proof. (Birth Certificate or Driver's License with Date of Birth)
- 7. If 100% disabled (Social Security Letter)
- 8. If 100% DAV (Bring car tag letter provided by the VA that states that you are 100% permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities)

YOU MUST COME TO THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND RE-APPLY FOR YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- 1. Purchased a new home.
- 2. Death of spouse.
- 3. If you turned sixty-five (65), became 100% disabled last year (with proof) or awarded 100% DAV (with proof).
- 4. New deed put on record. (Changing Title on Deed, Life Estate, Trust, etc..)
- 5. Change in marital status. (Separated, Divorced, Married)
- 6. Acquired, sold, or gave away any property related to your homestead.
- 7. Change in the use of the property. (Renting part of home or business in home)
- 8. Homestead denied previous year.
- 9. Change in occupancy.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HOMESTEAD, PLEASE LET US KNOW.