

Certificate of Disability for the Homestead Exemption

Ohio Revised Code section 323.151 provides: " 'Permanent and totally disabled' means a person who has, on the first day of January of the year of application for reduction in real estate taxes, some impairment in body or mind that makes the person unable to work at any substantially remunerative employment that the person is reasonably able to perform and that will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery therefrom or has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by a state or federal agency having the function of so classifying persons."

To be completed by the applicant

Applicant's name _____

Home Address _____

To be completed by the physician, psychologist or state or federal agency representative.

In accordance with the above, I (we) hereby certify that _____ was,
as of Jan. 1, _____, and is now permanently and totally disabled by virtue of physical disability or mental disability.

Name of applicant

License number and state issuing (Note: If reason for reduction is mental disability, the physician or psychologist must hold an Ohio license.)

Physician (signature) _____

Printed name of person signing form _____

Psychologist (signature) _____

Address (please print) _____

Agency (please print) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If agency, signature and title of person completing the form _____

Date _____

In lieu of a physician or psychologist sign this form, the applicant may submit a statement from an eligible state or federal agency that the applicant is permanently and totally disabled as defined above. See the back page of this form for more information on what constitutes acceptable proof of permanent disability.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR'S USE ONLY:

Taxing district and parcel or registration number _____

Auditor's application number _____ First year for homestead exemption _____ Date filed _____

Name on tax duplicate _____

Taxable value of homestead: Taxable land _____ Taxable bldg. _____ Taxable total _____

Method of Verification (must complete one):

Tax commissioner portal: Year _____ Total OAGI _____ No information returned _____

Ohio tax return (line 3): Year _____ Total OAGI _____

Federal tax return (line 4, 1040EZ): Year _____ Total FAGI _____

(line 21, 1040A): Year _____ Total FAGI _____

(line 37, 1040): Year _____ Total FAGI _____

Worksheet (attached): Estimated OAGI _____

Granted Denied

County auditor (or representative) _____

Date _____

Acceptable and Unacceptable Proofs of Permanent and Total Disability

Physician's Certificate: Acceptable. An application based on physical disability must include a certificate signed by a physician. An application based on mental disability must include a certificate signed by a physician or a psychologist licensed to practice in Ohio. **Note:** A chiropractor is not a "physician" for purposes of the Homestead Law.

Federal Agencies:

Social Security Administration (SSA): Copy of Notice of Award letter. An SSA (or SSI) form indicating that an applicant is "disabled" is acceptable. The SSA only gives disability benefits to those who are permanently and totally disabled.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Veterans with a total service-connected disability or who are receiving 100% compensation for service-connected disabilities following a determination of individual unemployability should file form DTE 105I (contact Auditors Office for this form) and submit the documentation indicated by that application. If a veteran does not qualify as a 100%, service-connected disabled veteran, but meets the definition found in R.C. 323.151(D) (provided on DTE 105E), then the veteran must have a doctor or qualifying psychologist complete DTE 105E. No VA documentation reflects the definition provided by statute.

Railroad Retirement Board (RRB): The RRB has two types of disability pensions: (1) total and permanent disability and (2) occupational disability. Only the "permanent and total disability" pension is acceptable.

State Agencies:

Bureau of Workers Compensation: A determination of "permanent and total disability" is acceptable. Other determinations, such as "permanent and partial disability" "temporary and total disability," and "temporary and partial disability" are not.

State Retirement Systems: Not acceptable. The Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), the State Teachers Retirement System and the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), do not certify *permanent and total* disability. While the State Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS) and the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund (PFDPF) do certify individuals to be "permanently and totally disabled" these determinations are job-specific and do not rule out the possibility of other substantially remunerative employment using a different set of skills.

DTE 105G - Addendum to the Homestead Exemption Application for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons and Surviving Spouses

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For applicants who have previously received the homestead exemption under R.C. 323.152(A)(2)(b).

Individuals who received the homestead exemption for tax year 2013 (2014 for manufactured and mobile homes) on any residence may continue to receive the homestead exemption on another residence within the state without meeting the income test currently required for the exemption, if a different residence otherwise meets the qualification of a homestead.

In order to assure that an applicant has previously received the homestead exemption for the aged or disabled, certain information must be made available to the county auditor.

Applicant's name _____

Applicant's current home address _____

Taxing district and parcel or registration number of current home _____

County in which prior homestead was granted _____

Address for which prior homestead was granted _____

Taxing district and parcel or registration number of prior home _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that I was receiving the homestead exemption for tax year 2013 (2014 for manufactured and mobile homes) on the property described in this addendum, and have examined this document and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Mailing address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Please read before you complete the application.

What is the Homestead Exemption? The homestead exemption provides a reduction in property taxes to qualified senior or disabled citizens, or a surviving spouse, on the dwelling that is that individual's principal place of residence and up to one acre of land of which an eligible individual is an owner. The reduction is equal to the taxes that would otherwise be charged on up to \$25,000 of the market value of an eligible taxpayer's homestead.

What Your Signature Means: By signing this form, you affirm under penalty of perjury that your statements on the form are true, accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief and that you are authorizing the tax commissioner and the county auditor to review financial and tax information filed with the state. A conviction of willfully falsifying information on this application will result in the loss of the homestead exemption for a period of three years.

Qualifications for the Homestead Exemption for Real Property and Manufactured or Mobile Homes: To receive the homestead exemption you must be (1) at least 65 years of age during the year you first file, or be determined to have been permanently and totally disabled (see definition to right), or be a surviving spouse (see definition to right), and (2) own and have occupied your home as your principal place of residence on Jan. 1 of the year in which you file the application. For manufactured or mobile home owners, the dates apply to the year following the year in which you file the application. A person only has one principal place of residence; your principal place of residence determines, among other things, where you are registered, to vote and where you declare residency for income tax purposes. You may be required to present evidence of age. If the property is being purchased under a land contract, is owned by a life estate or by a trust, or the applicant is the mortgagor of the property, you may be required to provide copies of any contracts, trust agreements, mortgages or other documents that identify the applicant's eligible ownership interest in the home. (3) If you are applying for homestead and did not qualify for the exemption for 2013 (2014 for manufactured homes), your total income cannot exceed the amount set by law. Beginning tax year 2020 for real property and tax year 2021 for manufactured homes, "total income" is defined as "modified adjusted gross income," which is comprised of Ohio Adjusted Gross Income

plus business income from line 11 of Schedule A of the Ohio Schedule A. "Total Income" is that of the owner and the owner's spouse for the year preceding the year for which you are applying. If you do not file an Ohio income tax return, you will be asked to produce a federal income tax return for you and your spouse. If you do not file a federal income tax return, you will be asked to produce evidence of income and deductions allowable under Ohio law so that the auditor may estimate Ohio adjusted gross income.

Current Application: If you qualify for the homestead exemption for the first time this year (for real property) or for the first time next year (for manufactured or mobile homes), check the box for *Current Application* on application form.

Late Application: If you also qualified for the homestead exemption for last year (for real property) or for this year (for manufactured or mobile homes) on the same property for which you are filing a current application, but you did not file a current application for that year, you may file a late application for the missed year by checking the late application box on the form. You may only file a late application for the same property for which you are filing a current application.

Definition of a Surviving Spouse: An eligible surviving spouse must (1) be the surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the homestead exemption by reason of age or disability for the year in which the death occurred, and (2) must have been at least 59 years old on the date of the decedent's death.

Permanent Disability: Permanent and totally disabled means a person who has, on the first day of January of the year for which the homestead exemption is requested, some impairment of body or mind that makes him/her unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment which he/she is reasonably able to perform and which will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least 12 months without any present indication of recovery, or who has been certified as totally and permanently disabled by an eligible state or federal agency.

Change in Residency

Persons who received a homestead exemption on any property within the state for tax year 2013 may move to a new residence within the state and qualify for the homestead exemption on a new, otherwise qualifying home without meeting the income threshold test imposed upon new applicants. The homeowner must present sufficient evidence to the auditor so that the auditor can verify the existence of a homestead exemption for tax year 2013. DTE Form 105G has been created for this purpose.