

Homestead Exemption Instructions

IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO FILE FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BY APRIL 1st OF THE CURRENT TAX YEAR CONSTITUTES A WAIVER OF THE EXEMPTION PRIVILEGE FOR THIS YEAR.

Section 1: In order to qualify for this exemption, (Title 36 MRSA Section 681) you must minimally be a resident of Maine for at least 12 months prior to April 1st and have owned a home (house, mobile home, condominium) which was your permanent residence for a minimum of 12 months prior to April 1st of the year you are filing this application. If you do not meet all of these requirements, you do not qualify for homestead exemption and should not file this form.

Section 2. If you qualify: Fill out the full names of the owners of the homestead property and give its full street address. (not post office box) In addition, list your mailing address if it is different from the street address, and list your telephone number so that the local assessor can contact you if necessary. (Note: The property may be a multifamily residential property which is your permanent residence. The property may also be held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the resident owner.)

Qualified homesteads are entitled to exemption of up to the just value of \$10,000. Your municipal assessor will determine the amount of the exemption and automatically deduct it.

Section 3: After filling out the homestead information, check the appropriate boxes in the third section of the form. If you check "no" to any statement and nevertheless believe that you are still eligible for the exemption, you must explain your answer on a separate sheet.

Sign the form and deliver it either by mail or in person to your local assessor or Town Office.