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# HOMESTEAD

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## Disabled Veteran

<https://forms.bellcad.org/#/a/form/DisabledVet/new>

You qualify for this exemption if you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and your service branch or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has officially classified you as disabled with a percentage of 10% or more.

- You must be a Texas resident.
- Your application can apply to any one property you own on January 1 on which property taxes are assessed.
- You must complete an application and attach a copy of a current dated letter from the Veterans Administration reflecting the percent of disability awarded.
- You must file the application by April 30 or late file no than five years after the delinquency date.
- A surviving spouse or child may also qualify to continue this exemption; a surviving spouse may continue the exemption if the survivor does not remarry.
- When the disabled veteran attains age 65, is totally blind in one or both eyes, or has lost the use of one or both limbs, they will qualify for 100% of the maximum exemption amount of \$12,000 offered regardless of the disability percentage awarded by the V.A.
- A surviving spouse or child of an armed forces member killed on active duty may qualify for this exemption.
- The surviving child, under age 18 and unmarried, or surviving spouse must be a Texas resident.
- An application must be completed along with a letter from the Veterans Administration showing the person died while on active duty, copy of your marriage license; a surviving child must attach a copy of proof of age and relationship to the deceased.

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## 100% Disabled Veteran

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You qualify for this exemption if you are a disabled veteran who receives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disability or of individual unemployability. Beginning 2009, this entitles you to an exemption of the total appraised value of your residence homestead.

- An exemption application must be completed and accompanied with a copy of your V.A. award letter or other document from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs showing 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or individual unemployability.
- A surviving spouse does qualify for the 100% Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption, but surviving child does not qualify.

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## Residence Homestead

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Texas Property Tax Code Sec 23.23 limits increases of the total assessed value (assessed value = market value minus any exemption value minus current year cap value), to 10% from year to year if the property is under homestead exemption.

This 10% increase excludes any new improvements added by the property owner. This section does not limit market value increases. Market value is what a property would sell for and can change from year to year based on sales data. The assessed value is used to calculate taxes. Please note that this limitation takes effect on January 1 of the tax year following the first year the owner qualifies the property for a homestead exemption. The assessed value may increase at a rate of up to 10% per year until it matches the district's appraised market value.

# Contact Info for Bell County

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Belton, TX 76513  
Phone: 254-939-5841

## **Killeen Office:**

301 Priest Dr.  
Killeen, TX 76541  
Phone: 254-634-9752

## **Temple Office:**

205 E. Central Ave.  
Temple, TX 76501  
Phone: 254-771-1108

## **Mailing Address For ALL Locations:**

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