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A copy of your form(s) stamped DO NOT MAIL, plus your evidence — keep for your records.

Part 2 — MAIL to HCAD

The clean official form(s) to file with HCAD.

Send only the clean form(s) to HCAD — by mail or in person. Keep your copy.

The pages stamped «YOUR COPY / DO NOT MAIL» are for your records — do NOT mail or upload them to HCAD. Send only the clean, un-stamped form page(s).

Mail to: Harris Central Appraisal District, P.O. Box 922004, Houston, TX 77292-2004 · or drop off at 13013 Northwest Freeway. **Exemption forms** are filed by mail or in person. (A homestead exemption may also be filed online at hcad.org; over-65, disability, and veteran exemptions cannot be filed online.)

Disabled Veteran's or Survivor's Exemption Application

Form 50-135

Harris Central Appraisal District

1234567890123

Appraisal District's Name

Appraisal District Account Number (if known)

Are you filing a late application? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Tax Year(s) for Application 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION: Property owners applying for a disabled veteran's or survivor's exemption file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in each county in which the property is located (Tax Code Sections 11.22 and 11.43). **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.**

SECTION 1: Property Owner/Applicant

Did the applicant own the property that is the subject of this application on Jan. 1 of the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

JOHN SMITH

Name of Property Owner

Driver's Licence, Personal I.D. Certificate or Social Security Number*

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036

Physical Address, City, State, ZIP Code

(713) 555-0100

Primary Phone Number (area code and number)

Email Address**

Mailing Address of Property Owner (if different from the physical address provided above):

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

Are you a Texas resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 2: Authorized Representative

If you are an individual property owner filing this application on your own behalf, skip to section 3; all other applicants are required to complete section 2.

Indicate the basis for your authority to represent the property owner in filing this application.

☐ Attorney for property owner

☐ Agent for tax matters appointed under Tax Code Section 1.111 with completed and signed Form 50-162

☐ Other and explain basis: _____

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Primary Phone Number (area code and number)

Email Address**

Mailing Address, City, State, ZIP Code

SECTION 3: Property Descriptions

1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036

Physical Address (i.e. street address, not P.O. Box), City, State, Zip Code

Appraisal District Account Number (if known)

Manufactured Home (make, model, and identification number)

Legal Description:

SECTION 4: Type of Exemption and Qualifications

Select the exemption for which you are applying.

☐

Veteran classified as disabled by the Veteran's Administration (VA) or a service branch of the U.S. armed forces

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Surviving spouse or child of a deceased disabled veteran

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Surviving spouse or child of U.S. armed service member who died on active duty

JOHN SMITH SR

Veteran's Name

U.S. Army

Branch of Service

70

Disability Rating

Age

Serial Number

Does the service-connected disability include: ☐ Loss of use of one or more limbs ☐ Blindness in one or both eyes

Are you the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran?

☒

Yes

☐

No

If yes, have you remarried?

☐

Yes

☒

No

Are you the surviving spouse of a U.S. armed service member who died on active duty?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Are you a surviving child of a deceased disabled veteran or U.S. armed service member who died on active duty?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes: Did the spouse survive the veteran or the U.S. armed service member?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, are you: Under 18 years of age?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Unmarried?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Number of qualifying parent's children who are under 18 and unmarried

SECTION 5: Additional Documents to be Provided

Attach documentation from the VA or service branch identifying the most recent disability rating.

SECTION 6: Certification and Signature

I understand if I make a false statement on this form, I could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Penal Code Section 37.10.

JOHN SMITH

I, _____, swear or affirm the following:

Printed Name of Property Owner or Authorized Representative

Title/Authorization

1. that each fact contained in this application is true and correct; and
2. that the property described in this application meets the qualifications under Texas law for the exemption claimed.

sign
here

Signature of Property Owner/Authorized Representative

Date

* Social security number (SSN) disclosure may be required for tax administration and identification. (42 U.S.C. §405(c)(2)(C)(i); Tax Code §11.43(f)). A driver's license number, personal identification number or social security number disclosed in an exemption application is confidential and not open to public inspection, except as authorized by Tax Code §11.48(b).

** May be confidential under Government Code §552.137; however, by including the email address on this form, you are affirmatively consenting to its release under the Public Information Act.

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Important Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

This application is for use in claiming a property tax exemption pursuant to Tax Code Section 11.22 for property owned by a disabled veteran, the surviving spouse or surviving child, with a service-connected disability, or a U.S. armed service member who died on active duty.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Property owners applying for a disabled veteran's or survivor's exemption may file this form and supporting documentation with the appraisal district in the county in which the property is located. **Do not file this document with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.** Contact information for appraisal district offices may be found on the Comptroller's website.

APPLICATION DEADLINES (Tax Code Section 11.43(a-d)):

You must submit the completed application and supporting documents to the appraisal district between Jan. 1 and April 30 of the tax year for which you request the exemption. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for filing the application by written order for a single period not to exceed 60 days. The chief appraiser may disapprove the application and request additional information. If the chief appraiser requests additional information, the information must be furnished within 30 days after the date of the request, or the application is denied. For good cause shown, the chief appraiser may extend the deadline for furnishing the information by written order for a single period not to exceed 15 days. If the chief appraiser denies the application, you may protest that determination to the county appraisal review board under Tax Code chapter 41.

LATE APPLICATIONS (Tax Code Section 11.439):

Applicants may file a late application no later than five years after the delinquency date for the taxes on the designated property.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must provide the following documentation supporting this exemption request:

- attach a copy of property owner's driver's license or state-issued personal identification certificate
- documentation indicating the percentage of disability certified by the Veterans Administration or its successor or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Once this exemption is allowed, an application does not have to be filed annually unless the ownership of the property changes or qualifications for the exemption change. The chief appraiser may require a new application to be filed to confirm current eligibility by sending written notice and an application form.

DUTY TO NOTIFY

If eligibility ends, the property owner must notify the appraisal district in writing before May 1 after the eligibility ends.

EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS (Tax Code Section 11.22):

Disabled Veteran's Exemption A qualified individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of one property the applicant owns and designates. This application applies to property owned on Jan. 1 of this year.

To qualify, an individual must be a Texas resident and possess a veteran's percentage of disability certified by the Veterans' Administration (VA) or its successor or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served.

A qualified applicant can receive this exemption on only one property, which must be the same for every taxing unit in which the applicant claims the exemption.

A disability rating from 10-29 percent can have an exemption up to \$5,000 from the property's assessed value, 30-49 percent up to \$7,500, 50-69 percent up to \$10,000 and 70-100 percent up to \$12,000.

Disability Rating	Exemption Amount Up To
10% - 29%	\$5,000 from the property value
30% - 49%	\$7,500 from the property value
50% - 69%	\$10,000 from the property value
70% - 100%	\$12,000 from the property value

A disabled veteran may also qualify for an exemption of \$12,000 of the assessed value of the property if the veteran is age 65 or older with a disability rating of at least 10 percent; totally blind in one or both eyes; or has lost the use of one or more limbs.

Survivor's Exemption (Tax Code Section 11.22(c)(d)): The veteran's surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a property the spouse owns and designates for the exemption. The amount of the exemption is the amount of the veteran's exemption at the time of death. The spouse is entitled to this exemption only for as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

If the spouse does not survive the veteran, each of the veteran's surviving children who is younger than 18 years of age and unmarried is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a property the child owns and designates for the exemption.

Your answers — change any before you file

These are the choices you made; we just placed them on the forms. Read them over — if anything is wrong, cross it out and write the correct answer by hand before you mail.

PROPERTY & OWNER

Owner name	JOHN SMITH
Property address	1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Mailing address	1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
Phone	(713) 555-0100
HCAD account	1234567890123
Tax year	2026

VETERAN

Veteran name	JOHN SMITH SR
Branch of service	U.S. Army
Disability rating	70%

Before you mail, write these in by hand

A few things must be added in ink — they can't be typed for you:

- Sign each form by hand — we left the signature line blank for your ink signature.
- Form 50-135 has a Social Security number line. We never ask for it online. If you'd rather use your SSN than a driver's license, write it in by hand.
- Add your Texas driver's license or ID number (or leave it blank and attach a copy).

A veteran's exemption for surviving spouses

As the **surviving spouse of a disabled veteran** who was receiving a partial disability exemption (Texas Tax Code §11.22), you may keep the **same dollar amount** the veteran had — up to **\$12,000** — on your residence homestead, as long as you have **not remarried**. This is filed on **Form 50-135** (the surviving-spouse section), with the deceased veteran's VA rating letter and proof of death. A veteran's exemption can be filed late up to 5 years back. Only HCAD decides eligibility — this is not legal or tax advice. Your Form 50-135 is pre-filled below, and a ready-to-sign 'not remarried' statement is included.

How to file Form 50-135 (surviving spouse)

1. **Sign it.** You must sign (it is a sworn document). Fill in the deceased veteran's name, branch of service, and their disability rating.
2. **Attach your documents:**
 - The veteran's death certificate.
 - The veteran's VA letter showing the disability rating.
 - The signed 'not remarried' statement included in this kit.
 - A copy of your Texas driver's license / state ID.
3. **Submit — mail or in person only:** mail to Harris Central Appraisal District, P.O. Box 922004, Houston, TX 77292-2004, OR drop off in person at 13013 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040. **This exemption cannot be filed online or by iFile** (only homestead can be filed online).
4. **HCAD does NOT accept applications by email.** Only the three channels above.
5. **Deadline:** Jan 1 – Apr 30 (late filing allowed up to 5 years back, Tax Code 11.439).

Statement of Non-Remarriage

I, **JOHN SMITH**, am the surviving spouse of **JOHN SMITH SR** (date of death 03/2019). I certify that I have **not remarried** since the death of my spouse. The property at **1234 SESAME ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036** is my residence homestead. I make this statement in support of my application for a residence homestead / veteran's exemption under the Texas Tax Code.

I understand that making a false statement on this document may subject me to criminal penalties under Section 37.10 of the Texas Penal Code.

07/25/2026

SIGNATURE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE

Date

PRINTED NAME

JOHN SMITH

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