

Although the Homestead Exemption deadline of September 13th remains unchanged, the Office of Property Assessment (OPA) **WILL** continue to accept and process Homestead applications up until December 1, 2014, for Tax Year 2015.

But you should not delay—apply NOW for the Homestead Exemption so that you can see savings of up to \$402 reflected in your 2015 Real Estate Tax bill. If your application cannot be processed in time to have the Homestead Exemption reflected on your tax bill, you should pay your bill in full and your account will be credited by the Department of Revenue for the Homestead amount.

There are three ways to apply:

- **Call**—The easiest and fastest way to apply is over the phone (*in any language*) – or check the status of your application if you already applied – simply call the Homestead Hotline at 215-686-9200.
 - On Monday, Sept. 15th, the Homestead Hotline will be open from 8am – 8pm. As of Sept. 16th, the Hotline will revert back to its regular hours of Mon – Fri., 8:30am – 6pm.
- **Apply [Online](#)**
- **[Paper Application](#)**
 - Paper applications will continue to be accepted at the following drop box locations:
 - Office of Property Assessment, 601 Walnut St, 3W (Curtis Center)
 - 311 Walk-In Center at City Hall
 - Concourse Level of the Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Blvd
 - Northeast Phila. Mini City Hall, Northeast Shopping Mall, 9239 Rear Roosevelt Blvd
 - North Phila. Mini City Hall, 2761 N. 22nd Street

There are no age or income requirements and people who are tax delinquent are eligible for the program. Homeowners with mortgages are also eligible.

If you previously applied and were approved for the Homestead, you do not need to reapply. Or if your application was previously denied, in most cases, you can simply reapply. For questions about an approval or denial, contact the Homestead Hotline at 215-686-9200.

Once you are enrolled in the Homestead Program, the Exemption will remain on your property, unless you would sell the property or change the deed.

You can also go to avicalculator.phila.gov to check the status of your Homestead Exemption application and/or calculate your tax bill.

New Homeowners

For new homeowners, the application period remains the same, with applications due by December 1, 2014. Due to a lag in updates to OPA ownership records, new homebuyers should apply by submitting:

- A paper [Homestead application](#),
- An [Affidavit](#), and
- Provide a copy of the deed or HUD-1.

Again, because the Homestead Exemption will not be reflected in the property's tax bill, new homebuyers should pay their property tax bill in full and their account will be credited by the Department of Revenue.