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New, Easier-to-use Applications for Property Tax Savings are Now Available
 Everything Homeowners Need to Know



COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

IF YOU RECEIVED THESE EXEMPTIONS LAST YEAR, NO NEED TO REAPPLY!

- Homeowner Exemption
- Senior Freeze Exemption
- Senior Exemption
- Persons with Disabilities Exemption
- Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

Please note: Exemptions are reflected on 2nd property tax bill.

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Cook County- Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi announces property-tax-saving exemptions for the 2021 tax year are now [available online](#) in a new, streamlined application.

Exemptions are savings that contribute to lowering a homeowner's property tax bill. The most common is the [Homeowner Exemption](#), which saves a Cook County property owner an average of \$973 dollars each year.

Before existing and new homeowners apply, there are a few things to know that will save them time and effort.

First, existing homeowners should determine which exemptions they received last year (tax year 2020) and determine if they will automatically renew this year (tax year 2021). The Assessor's Office will continue the automatic renewal of the Homeowner, Senior, Senior Freeze, Veterans with Disabilities, and Persons with Disabilities Exemptions. Homeowners can check their exemptions by visiting the [Cook County Portal](#) and reviewing the *Exemption History* section.

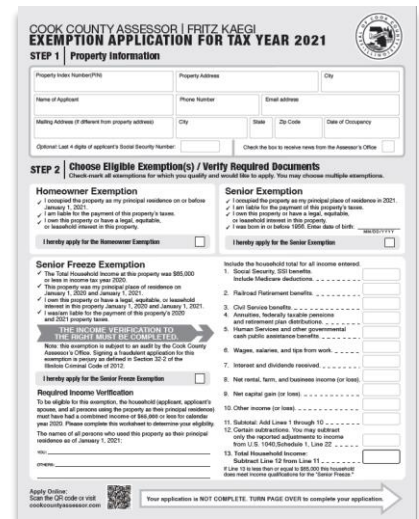
Additionally, postcards and letters will be mailed to households confirming the automatic renewal of exemption(s) and notifying them that no action is needed.

Next, new homeowners, first-time applicants, or those that need to reapply can now do so online using a new form that consolidates the five most common exemptions into a single application. This allows homeowners to simply select the exemptions they want to apply for, only having to submit required documents once. To apply online visit, www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

Homeowners are strongly encouraged to apply online. Not only will they save trees, but they will also have a digital record that allows Assessor staff to provide a status update.

Lastly, as a reminder, exemptions are reflected on the second installment tax bill, which will be received later this year.

To receive news and updates from the Assessor's Office, [sign up here](#). For a list of upcoming in-person and virtual outreach events visit, www.cookcountyassessor.com/event-list.



COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR | FRITZ KAEGI
EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR TAX YEAR 2021

STEP 1 | Property Information

Property Index Number(PIN) _____ Property Address _____ City _____

Name of Applicant _____ Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Mailing Address (if different from property address): City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Occupancy _____

Customer List # (date of applicant's Social Security Number) _____ Check the box to receive news from the Assessor's Office

STEP 2 | Choose Eligible Exemption(s) / Verify Required Documents

Check all exemptions for which you qualify and indicate if to apply. You may choose multiple exemptions.

Homeowner Exemption

- I occupied the property as my principal residence on or before January 1, 2021.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021.
- I received notice for the payment of this property's 2020 and 2021 property taxes.

I hereby apply for the Homeowner Exemption

Senior Freeze Exemption

- The total household income of the property was \$85,000 or less in income tax year 2020.
- The property is the principal place of residence on January 1, 2021.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021.
- I received notice for the payment of this property's 2020 and 2021 property taxes.

I hereby apply for the Senior Freeze Exemption

Senior Exemption

- I occupied the property as my principal place of residence in 2021.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021.
- I received notice for the payment of this property's 2020 and 2021 property taxes.

I hereby apply for the Senior Exemption

Persons with Disabilities Exemption

- I am a person with a physical or mental disability as defined in Section 30-2 of the Illinois State Code of 2012.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property.
- I received notice for the payment of this property's 2020 and 2021 property taxes.

I hereby apply for the Persons with Disabilities Exemption

Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

- I am a veteran as defined in Section 30-2 of the Illinois State Code of 2012.
- I own the property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property.
- I received notice for the payment of this property's 2020 and 2021 property taxes.

I hereby apply for the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

Required Income Verification

To be eligible for the exemption, the household applicant, applicant's spouse, and all persons using the property as their principal residence must have had a combined income of \$85,000 or less for calendar year 2020. Please complete this worksheet to determine your eligibility. The names of all persons who used the property as their principal residence as of January 1, 2021:

NAME _____

1. Social Security (SS) Number _____

2. Federal Retirement benefits _____

3. Civil Service benefits _____

4. Annuities, federally insured pensions and retirement plan distributions _____

5. Human Services and other governmental cash public assistance benefits _____

6. Wages, salaries, and tips from work _____

7. Interest and dividends received _____

8. Net rental, farm, and business income (or loss) _____

9. Net capital gain (or loss) _____

10. Other income (or loss) _____

11. Statutory Add Lines 1 through 10 _____

12. Capital Substitutions. You may submit the required information from L.I.E. 1040, Schedule 1, Line 22 _____

13. Total Household Income _____

Subtotal Line 12 from Line 11 _____

Line 13 is the sum of all 1 through 10. The household has met income qualifications for the "Senior Freeze"

Apply Online: Click the QR code or visit www.cookcountyassessor.com

Your application is NOT COMPLETE. TURN PAGE OVER to complete your application.