



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

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FY22 Residential Exemption Application Instructions

On November 16, 2021 the Oak Bluffs Select Board declared a \$34,036 residential exemption for fiscal year 2022

The exemption will reduce the annual property tax on homes that are owner-occupied as a primary residence (domicile) by \$231. You must apply by April 1, 2022 in order to receive this exemption. No extensions may be granted.

Applicants who were not pre-qualified by November 14th, 2021 will not see a reduction on their December tax bill but will instead receive a \$231 credit against their property taxes once their application has been approved. Due to the large number of expected applicants, this approval process may take several months.

Every applicant must provide:

- ✓ **The first page of your most recent federal tax filing** (usually 1040) or a letter explaining why you are not required to file

AND

- ✓ **A copy of the front and back of your driver's license** only if your 1040 shows a PO Box or address other than the residence on the application. If the 1040 shows your street address but uses Vineyard Haven or Edgartown you do not need to provide your driver's license.

Please cover, cross out, or otherwise obscure your social security number and income figures on the tax form. We only care about the address shown.

Please contact our office if you are unable to provide these documents and we will discuss alternative means of documenting domicile.

FISCAL YEAR 2022
RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OAK BLUFFS

All information on this form must be completed in full and required documentation must be attached in order for the application to be considered complete. Under statute, the application for residential exemption must be filed no later than April 1, 2022.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Property Address _____

1) Name(s) of record owner(s) _____

2) Name of Applicant(s) _____

3) Was parcel owned and occupied by you as your domicile as of January 1, 2021? YES ___ NO ___

NOTE: If no, please return the form but you can skip to the signature line (9) and not include any documentation.

4) Please attach a copy of the 1st page of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return. We ask that you black out or otherwise cover your social security number and income information.

- If your tax return shows a PO Box or address other than the Oak Bluffs property's street address, please ALSO include a copy of both sides of your current driver's license showing owner's name with the Oak Bluffs address. If you do not have a valid driver's license please contact our office at (508) 693-3554 x104.
• If you weren't required to file a tax return in 2021, please provide a written explanation

5) List the location and type of any other residential real estate owned by you: _____

6) Have you received or applied for, or will you receive or apply for any other residential exemption and/or homestead exemption in any other state, city or town in this fiscal year (7/1/21 to 6/30/22) or the previous fiscal year? ___ NO ___ YES If yes, what city/state? _____

Signing this form under the penalties of perjury has the legal effect of swearing under oath to the truthfulness of the information contained herein. All items on this form must be completed as indicated. In addition to other sanctions provided by law, intentional misrepresentation of facts in this application may result in cancellation of this exemption and the subsequent issuance of an omitted bill for the exempted value involved for the current fiscal year.

9) Signature of Applicant: _____

10) Mailing Address (if different than property location): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

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GRANTED: _____ DENIED: _____ NO ACTION: _____ DATE: _____ AMOUNT ABATED: _____