



**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

56 School Street  
P.O. Box 1327  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-3554 Ext 104

June 4, 2021

Dear Oak Bluffs Tax Payer:

I am writing to encourage you to complete the residential exemption pre-qualification application on the back of this letter. If a residential exemption is declared, being pre-qualified will benefit you and the town greatly.

We know you are very busy, and we've heard in some cases that people simply didn't see the point in spending time on an application when no exemption is yet in place, and may never be.

We'd like to ask that you consider the following:

If an exemption is declared in the future, those homeowners who have pre-qualified would get their discount on the next tax bill. **Those not pre-qualified would need to pay the entire bill, and then wait, likely for months, before seeing a refund or credit.**

In addition, **any exemption amount granted AFTER the pre-qualification period would come from town savings**, as opposed to other classes of residential property as intended by the law. The Town "overlay" account is funded to cover normal abatements and exemptions, not a mass influx of applications.

The more applications we receive back, the less ultimate expense to resident taxpayers, if an exemption is declared.

I will be providing the Select Board with estimates on all costs ahead of any decision they make.

Please follow the directions on the application carefully. The Assessors need the supporting documentation in order to determine if a property owner qualifies for the exemption.

For more information on the residential exemption please go to the Assessing page of the town website. Follow the link for **Proposed Residential Exemption Qualification Project**.

If you have questions about completing the application, please contact our administrative assistant at (508) 693-3554 x104.

It is important to add that no decision has been made by the Select Board regarding a residential exemption. This effort is simply designed to provide them with the realistic option of implementing one in the future.

Sincerely,

MacGregor Anderson, MAA, Principal Assessor

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. However, prompt filing is requested, and will greatly speed and simplify any credits if an exemption is ever declared.

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 return shows a PO Box or address other than the property 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 submit other evidence that shows this property as your domicile.
If you aren't required to file a tax return in 2021, submit a short, written explanation as to why and include any pertinent documentation such as a SSI return, a copy of both sides of a current driver's license showing owner's name with Oak Bluffs address or other proof of residency.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY

GRANTED: \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ABATED: \_\_\_\_\_