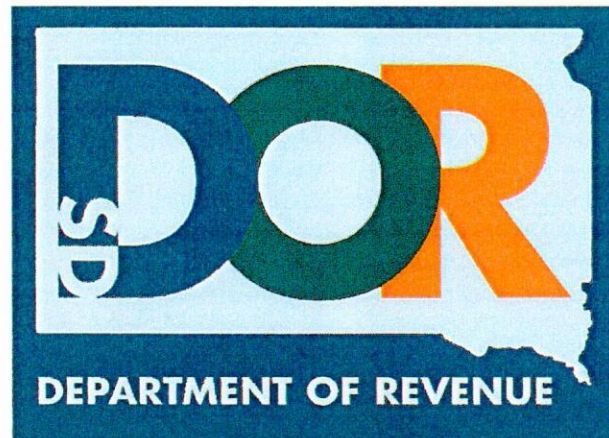


Property Tax Relief Programs



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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

SDCL 43-31-1

- States that if they are 70, the property cannot be taken *period*
 - However, the value of the homestead cannot exceed \$170,000
- Taxes and full 10% interest still accrue and become lien on the property
- If you aren't notified that they are 70 until after you have started tax deed proceedings, they have to pay for costs of the proceedings up to that point (10-23-2.5)

SDCL 43-31-31 thru 43-31-41

- Eligibility for the reduced interest rate
 - Must be turning 70 years old in the year of application or the surviving spouse
 - Has owned a single-family dwelling for at least three years, or has been a resident of South Dakota for at least five years
 - Has resided for at least eight months of the previous calendar year in the single-family dwelling;
 - Has a household income of less than \$16,000 if the household is a single-member household
 - Has a household income of less than \$20,000 if the household is a multiple-member household.
- Annual application deadline of April 1 to Treasurer
 - Must be current to be eligible
- Taxes and interest still accrue and become a lien on the property
- They would receive 4% interest if they apply and qualify
- Remember that taxes due are not to exceed the value of the property
- Recipient becomes ineligible for Sales and Property Tax Refund

DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION - SDCL 10-4-40 & 10-4-41

- Eligibility
 - Property must be owned and occupied by a disabled veteran or unremarried surviving spouse
 - The veteran must be rated as permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.
- Application deadline to Director of Equalization by November 1
 - Proof of eligibility is required with initial application
 - Do not need to apply yearly
- The first \$150,000 of valuation is exempt from taxation
- The transfer of the property will remove the exemption.

PARAPLEGICS PROGRAMS - SDCL 10-4-24.9 thru 10-4-24.13

- Eligibility
 - Property must be owned and occupied by a paraplegic or individual with the loss of use of both lower extremities, or the unremarried surviving spouse
 - Property must be specifically designed for wheelchair use within the structure
- Tax Reduction for Paraplegics
 - Income limits apply:
 - less than 14,670 for a single-member household
 - less than 18,730 for a single-member household
 - Taxes are reduced through abatement process
 - Annual application by January 1 to County Auditor
- Exemption for Paraplegic Veterans
 - The injury to the veteran applicant does not have to be service related.
 - Initial application deadline – November 1 to Director of Equalization
 - Does not require annual application
 - 100% exempt

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION – SDCL 10-6B

- Rapid City is the only city that has passed an ordinance for this program

ASSESSMENT FREEZE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED - SDCL 10-6A

- Eligibility
 - Must have turned 65 years old OR be legally disabled
 - Must own the house or retain life estate in the property
 - Must have owned property and been a resident of SD for at least one year
 - Must have resided in the house for at least 200 days during the previous calendar year
 - Must not exceed certain income limits
 - Single member household - \$29,565.46
 - Multi-member household - \$36,956.82
 - Property must have a full and true market value of less than \$202,942.91
 - A surviving spouse may still qualify if other eligibility requirements are satisfied
- Annual application deadline of April 1 to Treasurer
 - However, a person failing to comply with the April first deadline for the previous year, but otherwise qualifying for the real property tax assessment freeze provided under this chapter, may petition the board of county commissioners for an abatement.