

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
Optional: Last 4 digits 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-mark all exemptions for which you qualify and would like to apply. You may choose multiple exemptions.

Homeowner Exemption

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

I hereby apply for the Homeowner Exemption

Senior Exemption

- I occupied the property as my principal place of residence in 2021.
- I am liable for the payment of this property's taxes.
- I own this property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in this property.
- I was born in or before 1956. Enter date of birth: _____

MM/DD/YYYY

I hereby apply for the Senior Exemption

Senior Freeze Exemption

- The Total Household Income at this property was \$65,000 or less in income tax year 2020.
- This property was my principal place of residence on January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021.
- I own this property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in this property January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021.
- I was/am liable for the payment of this property's 2020 and 2021 property taxes.

THE INCOME VERIFICATION TO THE RIGHT MUST BE COMPLETED.

Note: this exemption is subject to an audit by the Cook County Assessor's Office. Signing a fraudulent application for this exemption is perjury as defined in Section 32-2 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012.

I hereby apply for the Senior Freeze Exemption

Required Income Verification

To be eligible for this exemption, the household (applicant, applicant's spouse, and all persons using the property as their principal residence) must have had a **combined income of \$65,000** or less for calendar year 2020. Please complete this worksheet to determine your eligibility.

The names of all persons who used this property as their principal residence as of January 1, 2021:

YOU: _____

OTHERS: _____

Include the household total for all income entered.

1. Social Security, SSI benefits.
Include Medicare deductions.
2. Railroad Retirement benefits.
3. Civil Service benefits.
4. Annuities, federally taxable 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. Subtotal: Add Lines 1 through 10
12. Certain subtractions. You may subtract only the reported adjustments to income from 2020 U.S. 1040, Schedule 1, Line 22
13. Total Household Income:
Subtract Line 12 from Line 11

If Line 13 is less than or equal to \$65,000 this household does meet income qualifications for the "Senior Freeze."

Apply Online:
Scan the QR code or visit
cookcountyassessor.com



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

Persons with Disabilities Exemption

- ✓ I was or became disabled during the tax year I am applying for exemption.
- ✓ I occupied the property as my principal residence on or before January 1, 2021; or
I was a resident of a life care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act and my property remained unoccupied or was occupied by my spouse.
- ✓ I am liable for the payment of this property's taxes.
- ✓ I own this property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in this property.

I hereby apply for the Persons with Disabilities Exemption

Required Documents

One of the following documents must be provided with this application. Check-mark the documentation you are including.

- Class 2 or 2A Illinois Disabled Person ID Card from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.
- Proof of SSA Disability Benefits which includes: an award letter, verification letter, annual COLA letter. If you are under the age of 65 and receiving SSI disability benefits, include a letter indicating SSI payments.
- Proof of Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits which includes an award letter or certification letter indicating you are receiving pension for a non service connected disability.
- Proof of pension for non-military service connected disability.
- Proof of Railroad or Civil Service Disability benefits which includes an award letter or verification letter of total (100%) disability.
- If you are unable to provide proof of your disability listed on the items above, you must submit Form PTAX 343-A, Physician's Statement for Proof of Disability, completed by a physician. [Note: You may also be required to be re-examined by an IDOR designated physician. You would be responsible for any cost incurred for your examination by any physician.]

Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

- ✓ I occupied the property as my principal place of residence in 2021.
- ✓ I have at least 30% service connected disability certified by the US Department of Veteran Affairs during tax year 2021.
- ✓ I am liable for the payment of this property's taxes.
- ✓ I own this property or have a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in this property.
- ✓ I am an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the US Armed Forces on active duty or State active duty, in IL National Guard or US Reserve Forces and I was honorably discharged.

- ✓ I am a non-remarried Surviving spouse of a disabled veteran; if YES, complete the following:
Deceased Disabled Veteran's Name: _____

Date of Death: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

I hereby apply for the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption

If you are returning from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S., visit cookcountyassessor.com/returning-veterans-exemption to apply separately for the Returning Veterans Exemptions.

Required Documents

Applicants must submit a certification letter from the VA and a DD214. Check-mark the documents you are including in this application.

- Disability certification or verification letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) stating the applicant [veteran] has a service-connected disability for the tax year being applied for. The document must specify the percentage of the service-connected disability and specify the effective date.
- Form DD214 or separation of service from the War Department (military service prior to 1950), or Certification of Military Service Form.
- A non-remarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran applying for the first time or transferring the exemption must also provide their marriage certificate, the disabled veteran's death certificate, and proof of property ownership.

STEP 3 Verify Identity and Occupancy of this Property

All applications must include Photo ID. The name and address on the ID must match what is entered on the application, and been issued before January 1 of the Tax Year. If your current name is different from a former name on any provided verification document(s) or the deed, you must submit documentation sufficient to explain the name change: a certified marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc. If you do not own the property, you must submit documentation showing a legal, equitable, or leasehold interest in the property.

Attach copies of one from List A or one from List B AND one from List C

- A** Photo IDs that verify identity and occupancy in the tax year.
- Drivers License / IL ID Card
 - Matricula Consular ID
 - City of Chicago ID Card

If the address on your Photo ID doesn't reflect the property address, provide one photo ID from List B and one document from List C.

- B**
- IL Drivers License / IL ID Card
 - Matricula Consular ID
 - City of Chicago ID Card
 - US Passport
 - US Military ID Card
 - Certificate of Naturalization (N-550/N-570)
 - Permanent Resident Card (I-551)
 - Refugee Travel Document (I-571)
 - Employment Authorization (I-766)

- C** Items in List C must include the property address and reflect the 2021 tax year.
- Mailed bank statement
 - Mailed landline, cable, or internet bill
 - Mailed pay stub
 - Social Security Award Letter
 - Voting record (from Cook County Clerk's Office or Chicago Board of Elections)

STEP 4 Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that if an exemption is granted in error, this property may be subject to a lien for back taxes and penalties in accordance with Section 9-275 of the Illinois Property Tax Code.

I affirm that neither I nor my spouse (if any) have applied for a Homestead Exemption on any other property.

If you are completing a paper form, mail a completed form with applicable documentation to:

Cook County Assessor
118 N. Clark Street, Room 320
Chicago, IL 60602

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature

Date

Questions? Please call us at (312) 443-7550 for help in English, Español, and Polskim.