

Homestead and Disability Exemptions

Are You Eligible?

Homestead Exemption - Persons eligible for the exemption must be at least 65 years of age. Proof of eligibility is required (driver's license, birth certificate, etc.) **DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIRTHDAY!** If you will turn 65 this year (2010), come in now for this benefit.

Disability Exemption - A person must be classified as 100% totally disabled under any government and/or most private retirement system(s). In addition, the following provisions must be met:

- The applicant must have maintained the disability classification for the entire previous or current year.
- The applicant must have received disability payments while under this classification.
- Verification/documentation should be submitted to the property valuation administrator's office **before December 31**

of each year to show continuing eligibility. Applications filed after December 31 will apply to the next year ONLY.

- All applicants must own and occupy their dwelling.
- Proof of eligibility is required. Some examples are: Medicare card, Social Security disability award letter, corporate insurance award letter, 1099, etc.
- The state of Kentucky only allows one exemption per property. (Must be your primary residence)

Where to File

You may file for Homestead and Disability Exemptions at the Kenton County PVA office:

Kenton County PVA
303 Court Street
County Building (2nd Floor)
Room 210
Covington, KY 41011
859/392-1750

TAX BILL TIME

Tax Bills will be mailed around the first week in October. Tax Bills are mailed by the Kenton County Sheriff. If you have questions about your tax bill or if you do not receive a tax bill by the 2nd week of October you should contact the Kenton County Sheriff's office (859/392-1800). If you have questions regarding your city tax bill you should contact the city in which your property is located. Please contact our office if you have questions regarding mailing address, exemptions or assessment. 859/392-1750 or e-mail: info.kentonpva@kentoncounty.org

Kenton County PVA

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Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Contact our office regarding Wednesday evening hours.

Kentucky Dept. of Revenue — Freddie Free Roader Program — www.revenue.ky.gov

The Problem

Thousands of Kentuckians are beating the system through the improper use in Kentucky of motor vehicles bearing out-of-state license plates or improper use of temporary or other tags. Such use costs Kentucky millions of dollars annually in motor vehicle usage tax and ad valorem property tax.

The Law

Kentucky law requires the registration of motor vehicles within 15 days from the date they are brought into Kentucky for use. A 6 percent motor vehicle usage tax is levied on motor vehicles for the privilege of operating on Kentucky highways, based on the value at the time they are first placed in service in Kentucky. Property tax is assessed annually on vehicles situated (located) in Kentucky on Jan. 1, based on their fair cash value.

Who Loses?

You do! Kentucky residents beating the system by registering vehicles in other states in order to avoid motor vehicle usage tax and ad valorem property tax make you, the honest taxpayer, the LOSER. Also, new residents beating the system by failing to register their vehicles within 15 days after they move into Kentucky makes you the LOSER. The ultimate LOSERS are your local school districts and

services dependent on revenues from the evaded taxes.

Where the Money Goes

The motor vehicle usage tax is used to build and maintain Kentucky's highways. **Approximately 60 percent of the ad valorem property tax is returned to the local community, funding your public schools, your fire departments, your police departments, your ambulance services, your libraries, etc.,** with the remainder contributing to the General Fund.

The Solution

If you observe Kentucky residents evading the system by operating motor vehicles on Kentucky highways for more than 15 days with out-of-state license plates or more than 30 days with temporary or other tags, please help the Department of Revenue identify these FREEROADERS by calling toll free 1-800-882-8990 or completing the online form at www.revenue.ky.gov. When you call, give as much of the information as possible on the Tip Information Sheet. **You need not identify yourself when calling or submitting an online tip.** The Department of Revenue will take appropriate action to collect taxes due.