

Total and Permanent Disability Exemption (non-service connected)

Any totally and permanently disabled person may apply for a total and permanent disability exemption if they are a quadriplegic, paraplegic, hemiplegic, legally blind or other totally and permanently disabled person who must use a wheelchair for mobility and meets the income requirements. – Note – quadriplegics do not need to meet the income per statutes

Application must be made to the Orange County Property Appraiser's Office by March 1st, applications are accepted online, in person or by mail. When applying for this exemption, you must file the exemption application (DR-501) and submit two physician statement (Form DR-416). These statements must be completed separately by two professionally unrelated Florida physicians. Any questions please call customer service at (407) 836-5044.

Requirements

- Florida residency as of January 1st and qualify for homestead exemption
- Quadriplegic, paraplegic, hemiplegic, legally blind or permanently confined to a wheelchair as of January 1st
- Total household income must not exceed limit set by Department of Revenue
- Must apply for Exemption by March 1st

What to Bring or Mail to the Orange County Property Appraiser's Office

***200 S Orange Avenue, Suite 1700
Orlando, FL 32801***

(Online applicants will be required to separately submit (2) DR-416 and (1) DR-501A)

- ✓ Copy of Florida driver's license or Florida state identification

AND one of the following 2 items:

- ✓ Copy of Florida Vehicle registration or vehicle insurance card
- ✓ Florida voter's registration

ALONG with

- ✓ Two DR-416 State of Florida Physician's Certification of Total & Permanent Disability form filled out by two professionally unrelated licensed Florida physicians with your disability effective date.
- ✓ 1 notarized DR-501A statement of gross income form along with proof of all household members' income from the prior calendar year. Note – quadriplegics do not need to meet the income limitation requirement.

Facts You Need to Know

- Total Household Gross Income must include VA and Social Security benefits
- Quadriplegics DO NOT have to meet income requirements but they need two doctor forms (DR-416) stating they are quadriplegic.
- A Statement of Gross Income must be submitted annually. (NOT QUADRAPLEGICS)



**Physician's Certification of
Total and Permanent Disability**

Identification Number
(for appraisers use only)

Physician's Name (Please Print)

a physician licensed pursuant to Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes, hereby
certify Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., _____
(Circle one) Patient's Name (Please Print)

Social Security Number _____, is totally and permanently disabled as of

(Social Security Number required under s. 196.101, Florida Statutes.)

January 1, _____, due to the following mental or physical condition(s):

- Quadriplegia Paraplegia Hemiplegia Legal Blindness
- Other total and permanent disability requiring use of a wheelchair for mobility
- Please check here if patient is totally or permanently disabled but does not require a wheelchair for mobility.

It is my professional belief that the above-named condition(s) render this individual totally and permanently disabled and that the foregoing statements are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and professional belief.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Florida Board of Medical Examiners License No. _____

Date License Issued _____

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Notice to Taxpayer and Physician: Section 196.131(2), Florida Statutes, provides that any person who shall knowingly and willfully give false information for the purpose of claiming homestead exemption shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year, or a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or both.

NOTE: Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. It is required by sections 196.011(1) and 196.101(5), Florida Statutes. The social security number will be used to verify taxpayer identity information and homestead exemption information submitted to property appraisers.



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Statement of Gross Income
Section 196.101(3)(c), Florida Statutes

DR-501A
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This statement must be completed and signed by applicants for the Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons, Section 196.101, Florida Statutes, and attached to the exemption application.

Name of all persons residing in or upon homestead for which exemption is requested.

Gross Income: Include that of all persons listed above. Attach prior year Federal Income Tax Return(s) and Wage and Income Statement(s) (W-2) for all persons listed above.

Gross Income:

Earned Income	\$ _____	Veterans Administration Benefits	\$ _____
Income from investments	\$ _____	Income from Retirement Plans	\$ _____
Gains Derived from Disposition of Appreciated Property	\$ _____	Pensions	\$ _____
Interest	\$ _____	Trusts	\$ _____
Rents	\$ _____	Estates	\$ _____
Royalties	\$ _____	Inheritances	\$ _____
Dividends	\$ _____	Direct and Indirect Gifts	\$ _____
Annuities	\$ _____	Other (Specify)	\$ _____
Social Security Benefits	\$ _____	Total Gross Income	\$ _____

I certify that the above Statement of Gross Income is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant

State of Florida
County of _____

The following instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this date _____ date
by _____ who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ type of ID
as identification.

Notary Public Signature and Seal