



# AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION RETURN FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, SCIENTIFIC, LITERARY ORGANIZATIONS, HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND HOMES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

Sections 196.195, 196.196 and 196.197, Florida Statutes

This application is for use by nonprofit organizations to apply for an ad valorem tax exemption for property used predominantly for an exempt purpose, as provided in sections (ss.) 196.195, 196.196, and 196.197, Florida Statutes (F.S.) (select all that apply):

- Charitable     Religious     Scientific     Literary  
 Hospital     Nursing Home     Homes for Special Services

This completed application, including all required attachments, must be filed with the county property appraiser on or before **March 1 of the current tax year.**

<b>General Information</b> (All applicants must complete this section.)			
Applicant name		Facility name	
Mailing address		Physical address, if different	
Business phone		County where property is located	
Parcel identification number or legal description			
1. On January 1 of the current year, was the applicant a Florida not-for-profit corporation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If <b>yes</b> , attach a copy of the filing confirmation letter from the Florida Department of State, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and a copy of the Bylaws, as amended. If qualified as charitable under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, attach a copy of the determination letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service. If <b>no</b> , attach a copy of the applicant's Articles of Organization, as amended, and other organizing documents evidencing the organization's purpose.			
2. How is the property used? (Attach additional pages if needed.)			
3. Is any portion of the property rented or leased? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, attach a copy of all rental and lease contracts in effect during the last calendar year.			
4. Is any portion of the property used for non-exempt purposes as provided in ss. 196.196 and 196.197, F.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide a detailed explanation. (Attach additional pages if needed.)			
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**Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Homes for Special Services**

1. On January 1 of the current year, was the applicant qualified as charitable under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the Internal Revenue Service?  Yes  No

If **yes**, attach a copy of the determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and a copy of the Bylaws, as amended.

2. On January 1 of the current year, did the organization hold a valid license issued by the Agency for Health Care Administration under

- Chapter 395, F.S. – Hospital or Ambulatory Surgical Center  Yes  No
- Chapter 400, F.S. – Nursing Home, Home for Special Services and Related Health Care Facility, or  Yes  No
- Part I, Chapter 429, F.S. – Assisted Living Facility?  Yes  No

If **yes**, attach a copy of the license issued by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

**Attachments** (All applicants must attach the following information to this application.) On each attachment, include your name, address, and an indication that the information is an attachment to this application.

1. Provide a copy of the organization's most recent financial statement.

2. Provide a copy of the organization's most recent federal tax return (if filed).

3. Provide the following fiscal and other records showing in reasonable detail the financial condition, record of operation, and exempt and nonexempt uses of the property, where appropriate, for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

a. A schedule of payments or advances, directly or indirectly, by way of salaries, fees, loans, gifts, bonuses, gratuities, drawing accounts, commissions or other compensation (except reimbursements for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the applicant) to

- any officer, director, trustee, member, or stockholder, or
- any person, company, or other entity directly or indirectly controlled by the applicant.

b. An explanation for the guarantee of any loan to or obligation of any officer, director, trustee, member, or stockholder of the applicant or any entity directly or indirectly controlled by the applicant.

c. Any contractual arrangement by the applicant or any officer, director, trustee, member, or stockholder of the applicant regarding the

- rendition of services;
- provision of goods or supplies;
- management of the applicant;
- construction or renovation of the property;
- procurement of the real, personal, or intangible property; and
- other similar financial interest in the affairs of the applicant.

d. A schedule of payments or amounts for

- salaries for operation;
- services received;
- supplies and materials;
- reserves for repair, replacement, and depreciation of the property;
- any mortgage, lien, and other encumbrances; and
- other purposes (explain).

e. A schedule of charges for services rendered by the applicant. If the charges for services rendered exceed the value of the services rendered, information on whether the excess is used to pay maintenance and operational expenses furthering its exempt purpose or to provide services to persons unable to pay for the services.

f. An affirmative statement that no part of the property, or no part of the proceeds of the sale, lease, or other disposition of the property, will inure to the benefit of its members, directors, or officers, or to any person or firm operating for a profit or for a nonexempt purpose.

**Signature** (ALL applicants must complete this section.)

Florida law requires property appraisers to determine whether an organization uses the identified property for exempt purposes before granting an ad valorem tax exemption. Property appraisers will notify you if additional information or documentation is needed to determine eligibility for the exemption requested.

I certify all information on this application, including any attachments, is true, correct, and in effect on January 1 of the tax year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Need Help?**

In Florida, local governments are responsible for administering property tax. The best resource for assistance is the property appraiser in the county where the property is located. Find websites for county property appraisers at:

**[FloridaRevenue.com/Property/Pages/LocalOfficials.aspx](http://FloridaRevenue.com/Property/Pages/LocalOfficials.aspx)**



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**TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURN**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

DR-405, R. 01/18  
 Rule 12D-16.002, F.A.C.  
 Eff. 01/18

Return to property appraiser by **April 1** to avoid penalty.

<b>SAINT LUCIE COUNTY</b>	<b>Tax Year</b>
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Enter your account number, name, and address below. Mail this form to your County Property Appraiser.

Account number  
 Name and address

Business name (DBA-Doing Business As) and mailing address:

Federal Employer Identification Number  -   
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If name and address is incorrect, please make needed corrections.

1. Owner or person in charge _____ Phone _____ Business/corporate name	6. Type or nature of your business _____ Trade levels (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Retail <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Leasing/rental <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____
2. Physical location (no PO Boxes)	7. Did you file a TPP return in this county last year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name and location
3. Do you file a TPP tax return under any other name? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name on most recent return or tax bill	8. Former owner of business
4. Date you began business in this county	9. If sold, to whom? _____ Date sold _____
5. Fiscal year end date _____ If before 12/31 last year, does this return reflect additions/deletions through Dec 31? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Personal Property Summary Schedule - Enter totals from page 2 or from an attached itemized list or depreciation schedule with original cost and date of acquisition.		Taxpayer's Estimate of Fair Market Value	Original Installed Cost	For Property Appraiser Use Only
10	Office furniture, office machines, and library			
11	EDP equipment, computers, and word processors			
12	Store, bar and lounge, and restaurant furniture, equipment, etc.			
13	Machinery and manufacturing equipment			
14	Farm, grove, and dairy equipment			
15	Professional, medical, dental, and laboratory equipment			
16	Hotel, motel, and apartment complex			
16a	Rental units (stove, refrigerator, furniture, drapes, and appliances)			
17	Mobile home attachments (carport, utility building, cabana, porch, etc.)			
18	Service station and bulk plant equipment (underground tanks, lifts, tools)			
19	Signs (billboard, pole, wall, portable, directional, etc.)			
20	Leasehold improvements - grouped by type, year of installation, and description			
21	Pollution control equipment			
22	Equipment owned by you but rented, leased or held by others			
23	Supplies not held for resale			
24	Renewable energy source devices			
25	Other, specify: _____			
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>				

I declare I have read this tax return and the accompanying schedules and statements. The facts in them are true. If prepared by someone other than the taxpayer, the preparer signing this return certifies that this declaration is based on all information he or she has knowledge of.

Signature taxpayer	Print name	Title	Date
Signature preparer	Print name	Preparer ID	Date
Address		Phone	

<input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000	Less Exemptions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind	Taxable Value	
<input type="checkbox"/> Total disability		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____	Penalties	
Signature, deputy		Date

**Sign and date** your return, send the **original** to the county property appraiser's office by **April 1**. Unsigned returns **cannot** be accepted by the appraiser's office. If you are entitled to a widow's, widower's, or disability exemption on personal property (not already claimed on real estate), consult your appraiser.



Complete this form if you own property used for commercial purposes that is not included in the assessed value of your business' real property. This may include office furniture, computers, tools, supplies, machines, and leasehold improvements. Return this to your property appraiser's office by April 1. Keep a copy for your records.

Report your summary totals on page 1. Use page 2 or an attached, itemized list with original cost and date acquired for each item to provide the details for each category. Contact your local property appraiser if you have questions.

If you ask, the property appraiser will give you an extension for 30 days and may grant an additional 15 days. You must ask for the extension in time for the property appraiser to consider the request and act on it before April 1.

Each return is eligible for an exemption up to \$25,000. By filing a DR-405 on time you automatically apply for the exemption. If you do not file on time, Florida Law provides for the loss of the \$25,000 exemption.

## WHAT TO REPORT

### Include on your return:

1. Tangible Personal Property. Goods, chattels, and other articles of value (except certain vehicles) that can be manually possessed and whose chief value is intrinsic to the article itself.
2. Inventory held for lease. *Examples:* equipment, furniture, or fixtures after their first lease or rental.
3. Equipment on some vehicles. *Examples:* power cranes, air compressors, and other equipment used primarily as a tool rather than a hauling vehicle.
4. Property personally owned, but used in the business.
5. Fully depreciated items, whether written off or not. Report at original installed cost.

### Do not include:

1. Intangible Personal Property. *Examples:* money, all evidences of debt owed to the taxpayer, all evidence of ownership in a corporation.
2. Household Goods. *Examples:* wearing apparel, appliances, furniture, and other items ordinarily found in the home and used for the comfort of the owner and his family, and not used for commercial purposes.
3. Most automobiles, trucks, and other licensed vehicles. See 3 above.
4. Inventory that is for sale as part of your business. Items commonly referred to as goods, wares, and merchandise that are held for sale. Also, inventory is construction and agricultural equipment weighing 1,000 pounds or more that is returned to a dealership under a rent-to-purchase option and held for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business. See section 192.001(11)(c), Florida Statutes.

## LOCATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Report all property located in this county on January 1. You must file a single return for each site in the county where you transact business. If you have freestanding property at multiple sites other than where you transact business, file a separate, but single, return for all such property located in the county.

Examples of freestanding property at multiple sites include vending and amusement machines, LP/propane tanks, utility and cable company property, billboards, leased equipment, and similar property not customarily located in the offices, stores, or plants of the owner, but is placed throughout the county.

## PENALTIES

**Failure to file** - 25% of the total tax levied against the property for each year that no return is filed

**Filing late** - 5% of the total tax levied against the property covered by that return for each year, each month, and part of a month, that a return is late, but not more than 25% of the total tax

**Unlisted property** - 15% of the tax attributable to the omitted property

## RELATED FLORIDA TAX LAWS

- §192.042, F.S. - Assessment date: Jan 1
- §193.052, F.S. - Filing requirement
- §193.062, F.S. - Filing date: April 1
- §193.063, F.S. - Extensions for filing
- §193.072, F.S. - Penalties
- §193.074, F.S. - Confidentiality
- §195.027(4), F.S. - Return Requirements
- §196.183, F.S. - \$25,000 Exemption
- § 837.06, F.S. - False Official Statements

### **LINE INSTRUCTIONS**

Within each section, group your assets by year of acquisition. List each item of property separately except for "classes" of personal property. A class is a group of items substantially similar in function, use, and age.

#### **Line 14 - Farm, Grove, and Dairy Equipment**

List all types of agricultural equipment you owned on January 1. Describe property by type, manufacturer, model number, and year acquired. Examples: bulldozers, draglines, mowers, balers, tractors, all types of dairy equipment, pumps, irrigation pipe - show feet of main line and sprinklers, hand and power sprayers, heaters, discs, fertilizer distributors.

#### **Line 16 and 16a - Hotel, Motel, Apartment and Rental Units (Household Goods)**

List all household goods. Examples: furniture, appliances, and equipment used in rental or other commercial property. Both residents and nonresidents must report if a house, condo, apartment, etc. is rented at any time during the year.

#### **Line 17 - Mobile Home Attachments**

For each type of mobile home attachment (awnings, carports, patio roofs, trailer covers, screened porches or rooms, cabanas, open porches, utility rooms, etc.), enter the number of items you owned on January 1, the year of purchase, the size (length X width), and the original installed cost.

#### **Line 20 - Leasehold Improvements, Physical Modifications to Leased Property**

If you have made any improvements, including modifications and additions, to property that you leased, list the original cost of the improvements. Group them by type and year of installation. Examples: slat walls, carpeting, paneling, shelving, cabinets. Attach an itemized list or depreciation schedule of the individual improvements.

#### **Line 22 - Owned by you but rented to another**

Enter any equipment you own that is on a loan, rental, or lease basis to others.

#### **Line 23 - Supplies**

Enter the average cost of supplies that are on hand. Include expensed supplies, such as stationery and janitorial supplies, linens, and silverware, which you may not have recorded separately on your books.

Include items you carry in your inventory account but do not meet the definition of "inventory" subject to exemption.

#### **Line 24 - Renewable Energy Source Devices**

List all renewable energy source devices as defined in section 193.624, Florida Statutes. Section 196.182, F.S., provides an exemption to renewable energy source devices considered tangible personal property. The exemption is granted based on a percentage of value, when the devices are installed, and what type of property the devices are installed on.

### **COLUMN INSTRUCTIONS**

List all items of furniture, fixtures, all machinery, equipment, supplies, and certain types of equipment attached to mobile homes. For each item, you must report your estimate of the current fair market value and condition of the item (good, average, poor). Enter all expensed items at original installed cost. Do not use "various" or "same as last year" in any of the columns. These are not adequate responses and may subject you to penalties for failure to file.

#### **Taxpayer's Estimate of Fair Market Value**

You must report the taxpayer's estimate of fair market value of the property in the columns labeled "Taxpayer's Estimate of Fair Market Value." The amount reported is your estimate of the current fair market value of the property.

#### **Original Installed Cost**

Report 100% of the original total cost of the property in the columns labeled "Original Installed Cost." This cost includes sales tax, transportation, handling, and installation charges, if incurred. Enter only unadjusted figures in "Original Installed Cost" columns.

The original cost must include the total original installed cost of your equipment, before any allowance for depreciation. Include sales tax, freight-in, handling, and installation costs. If you deducted a trade-in from the invoice price, enter the invoice price. Add back investment credits taken for federal income tax if you deducted those from the original cost. Include all fully depreciated items at original cost, whether written off or not.

#### **Assets Physically Removed**

If you physically removed assets last year, complete the columns in the first section of page 2. If you sold, traded, or gave property to another business or person, include the name in the last column.

#### **Leased, Loaned, and Rented Equipment**

If you borrowed, rented, or leased equipment from others, enter the name and address of the owner or lessor in the second section of page 2. Include a description of the equipment, year you acquired it, year of manufacture (if known), the monthly rent, the amount it would have originally cost had you bought it new, and indicate if you have an option to buy the equipment at the end of the term.