

Special Homestead Classification: Class 1b Property

For homesteads of persons who are blind or permanently and totally disabled

Applications are due by October 1. Read instructions before completing.

Check if: This is my first application This is a change of address

Type or Print	Your first name and middle initial	Last name	Social Security number		
	Spouse's first name and M.I.	Last name	Social Security number		
	Address (cannot be a P.O. Box number)			Date of Birth	
	City	State	Zip Code	County	
	Property ID number or plat and parcel number (from property tax statement)				
Check all that apply	Do you own this property?		I have owned this property since:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	month:	year:	
	Does a relative own the property?		I have lived in this property since:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	month:	year:	
	<p>Check all boxes that apply. If you are applying for the first time, you must attach the appropriate documentation certifying that you are blind or permanently and totally disabled. (See instructions to determine what information to provide.)</p> <p>Check if:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> I am legally blind <input type="checkbox"/> I am permanently and totally disabled <p><i>The onset of you disability or blindness must have occurred on or before June 30 of the year you are filing for the special homestead classification.</i></p>				
	<p>Check one box only:</p> <p>I own this property with:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> No one else <input type="checkbox"/> My spouse only <input type="checkbox"/> My spouse and others <input type="checkbox"/> One other person (who is not my spouse) <input type="checkbox"/> Others (not including my spouse) <input type="checkbox"/> Home is owned by a relative. What is your relationship to the owner? _____				
	<p>I have attached the appropriate documentation certifying that I am legally blind or permanently and totally disabled, and this documentation shows that the onset of my disability or blindness occurred before June 30 of the filing year.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
	<p>I certify that I am not receiving the Disabled Veterans Homestead (Market Value Exclusion program).</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
	Sign Here	<p>Signature of owner: I declare all information on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Making false statements on this application is against the law Minnesota Statute 609.41 states that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year in prison.</p>			
		Signature of applicant	Signature of spouse	Date	Daytime phone
<p style="text-align: right;">Name of applicant</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Application is <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied</p> <p style="text-align: right;">for assessment year: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Assessor's signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>					

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Please return completed application and required attachments to your county assessor.

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Provides a reduced class rate for qualifying blind/disabled property owners

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Property Tax Fact Sheet 1b

Fact Sheet

What is a Class 1b?

Class 1b provides a reduced class rate for homestead property of any person who qualifies as blind or as permanently and totally disabled. The Class 1b blind/disabled homestead is different than other homesteads because the qualification is specific to a person (and the disabling condition), rather than being predicated on the use of the property. As a result, 1b homestead classification follows the blind/disabled individual from one property to another. Class 1b is not an exemption from property taxes; it is a reduction in taxes.

Who is eligible for Class 1b?

Class 1b blind/disabled homestead is provided to any person who qualifies as:

- (1) blind as defined in M.S. 256D.35, or the blind person and the blind person's spouse;
- (2) permanently and totally disabled, or the disabled person and the disabled persons spouse; or
- (3) the surviving spouse of a permanently and totally disabled veteran who was receiving class 1b for the 2007 assessment year, taxes payable 2008.

Blind: "Blind" means the condition of a person whose central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or, if visual acuity is greater than 20/200, the condition is accompanied by limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees. When applying for class 1b an eye doctor's report or letter giving detail of the person's sight must be included. A statement by the individual is not sufficient.

Disabled: For the purposes of 1b classification, permanently and totally disabled describes a condition which is permanent in nature and totally

incapacitates a person from working at an occupation which brings the person an income. An individual who is permanently and totally disabled must be receiving payments from a qualifying agency because of their disability.

Examples of qualifying agencies are:

- Social Security Administration
- Veterans Administration
- Public or private pension plans
- Welfare Supplemental Security Income
- Workers Compensation

How does Class 1b work?

Qualifying applicants will receive a reduction in taxes as follows:

- First \$50,000 market value has a net class rate of 0.45 percent of its market value.
- The remaining market value has a class rate using the rates for residential or agricultural homestead property, whichever is appropriate.

Example: Assume you own a residential homestead with a Taxable Market Value of \$200,000. The first \$50,000 of that value is taxed at a rate of 0.45 percent instead of the normal 1.00 percent rate applied to residential homesteads of the same value.

\$50,000 X 0.45 percent =	\$225.00
\$150,000 (remaining value) X 1.00 percent =	\$1,500.00
\$225.00 + \$1,500.00 =	\$1,725.00

Without class 1b, and the corresponding reduction in taxes, the above example would pay **\$2,000.00** in annual taxes. In this example, qualifying for class 1b would result in a savings of **\$275.00** annually.

This is a simplified example. It does not take into account any additional tax costs or savings that may apply to your property. It also does not take into account the variation in local tax rates.