

Auditor's Office

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What does L.O.S.T Credit mean on my tax bill?

A: The L.O.S.T Credit is a credit given to you from the collection of the one-cent sales tax.

Q: What is the Homestead Exemption and who is eligible for it?

A: The South Carolina Homestead Exemption is for a homeowner who is a legal resident of South Carolina as of December 31st preceding the tax year of exemption, who is 65 years of age, who is declared totally disabled by a state or federal agency having the authority to make such a declaration, or who is legally blind as certified by a licensed ophthalmologist registered with the South Carolina Commission for the Blind. The program exempts up to \$50,000 of the tax value of the property.

Q: Do I need to pay property taxes before registering my boat and/or motor?

A: Yes. Beginning January 1, 2020, property tax must be paid prior to registering your boat and/or motor with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Q: Do I return a license plate to the Auditors Office?

A: No, please return all license plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Q: If I want to transfer my license plate to a newer vehicle will I have to pay the difference in the taxes?

A: No, you will not pay taxes on the newer vehicle until it's time to renew the license plate.

Q: Do I have to pay property taxes before transferring a tag?

A: If your tag is still valid and has not expired you will go directly to the SC DMV to transfer your tag; however, if your tag is expired or is close to being expired, please visit our office first.