



BLADEN COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I pay my tax bills?

There are several options for payment. Payments can be made in person at our office, which is located at 201 E. King Street Elizabethtown, NC 28337. A convenient outside drop box is located in the parking lot of the Bladen County Courthouse. Tax bills may also be paid online [here](#) or by phone, at 1-877-369-0025, using an automated system.

Checks should be made payable to Bladen County Tax Office.

We accept credit and debit cards, but a fee is charged in order for your transaction to be processed.

Where do I pay my vehicle taxes?

Starting in 2013, the Department of Motor Vehicles is now responsible for collecting the county and/or town taxes on all regular licensed motor vehicles. Taxes and tag fees will be included in one bill that must be paid at the DMV.

What if I disagree with the value placed on my property?

The appeal period is open from January 1st to January 31st of the relevant year. Appeal forms are available online or in office during this time. We encourage you to review the information we have on file for your property prior to completing this form.

While we understand some taxpayers may have concerns about affordability and changes in property tax amounts, these are not grounds for an appeal.

What personal property is required to list and when should I list it?

Individual personal property that would need to be listed would include all mobile homes, boats and boat motors, jet skis, aircraft, and unlicensed vehicles including, but not limited to, automobiles, trailers, and campers. The listing period is from January 1st to January 31st of the relevant year.

To avoid any late list penalties, the listing form must be returned by January 31st of each year.



Are there any exemptions or special programs?

North Carolina offers three property tax relief programs for the permanent residence of qualified homeowners:

1. Elderly or Disabled Exclusion: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. In addition, there is an income limit that cannot be exceeded that changes yearly.
2. Circuit Breaker Deferment Program: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. All owners must have owned and occupied the residence for the previous five years. In addition, there is an income limit that cannot be exceeded that changes yearly.
3. Disabled Veteran Exclusion: Applicants must be totally and permanently disabled veterans discharged under honorable conditions or their unmarried surviving spouse. No age or income limitation for this program.

Applications for the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion, the Circuit Breaker Deferment Program, and the Disabled Veteran Exclusion must be filed by June 1st of the relevant year.

North Carolina offers the Present-Use Value Assessment Program for property that is being used in the commercial production of agriculture, horticulture, or forestry products. There are acreage, income, and ownership requirements for this program. Applications must be filed by January 31st of the relevant year.

Applications for the programs mentioned above can be found [here](#).



How can I record a deed?

Effective as of August 1, 2014, and by Bladen County Resolution, the Register of Deeds shall not accept any deed transferring real property for registration unless the Tax Administration Office has certified that no delinquent tax liens exist on the relevant property.

Starting July 1, 2018, a certification form was implemented to replace the previous stamp system that had been used by the Tax Administration Office.

This form is available as a PDF [here](#). A fillable version is also available [here](#). The top portion of this form must be completed by the recording party and submitted to the Tax Administration Office, who will complete the bottom portion of the form. This form can be submitted in person, by email to bctax@bladenco.org, or faxed to 910-862-6737. Once completed by the Tax Administration Office, the certification form will need to be attached with your deed and submitted to the Bladen County Register of Deeds.

If you do not complete a certification form, The Register of Deeds shall accept without certification a deed submitted under the supervision of a closing attorney, and containing this statement on the deed: “This instrument prepared by: _____, a licensed North Carolina attorney. Delinquent taxes, if any, to be paid by the closing attorney to the county tax collector upon disbursement of closing proceeds.”

Any party recording a deed should be aware that a new application for Present-Use Value Assessment classification is required when a transfer of land under this program occurs. This application must be submitted within sixty days of the date of the property’s transfer. Please see the attached [PUV Transfer Memorandum](#).