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# VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

# ONLINE PETITION FILING TUTORIAL

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#### Welcome!

Your Value Adjustment Board (VAB) petition may now be filed online from the convenience of your home or your local public library. All you will need is access to the Internet and about 10 minutes of your time. If you don't have access to the Internet, you may visit the Clerk of the VAB Office and file your petition online there; or contact the Clerk of the VAB to request a petition form be mailed to you directly.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

Log on to https://vab.occompt.com/2017/ and click on "File a New Petition".



Read over the "Welcome to the Axia Petition Wizard" page. This information is designed to give a brief overview of how the online petition filing process works and also provides helpful tips which may assist you in filing your petition. Once you finish reading this information, click on "I Agree and Wish to Continue."



#### **FILE YOUR PETITION**

## You are now ready to file your petition!

#### Step #1

In order to begin filing, enter the property owner's last name followed by first name. As you begin typing, several other names will appear. Just move your cursor to 'click' on the correct owner. Once you have taken this step, most of the petition is completed for you! Review the information to ensure you have selected the correct property.

You may choose to enter the parcel ID or tangible personal property (TPP) account number with the dashes. As you begin entering the number, property names will pop up directly below. When you see the property owner's name, click on that name.

**NOTE:** If the property owner's name does not appear, please double check your entry of the number for accuracy. If it is correct, it could be that the parcel or account is new and the Property Appraiser has not finalized the data on the parcel or account. Complete the number and proceed to the next step.

	Type the Owner's Name below to perform a lookup: typing your last name followed by
Owner's Name: *	SMITH CHESTER D, SMITH DARLA K
	Please check the Owner's Name that is auto-populated from the Property A. shown.
	Type the Parcel Number for this property below to perform a lookup:
Parcel Number: *	
	What's this? This is how the property is identified by the Property Appraiser and can be search
Property Address:	
Property City:	
Property State:	
Property Zip:	

### Step #2

The remaining fields contain information needed for various mailings to you. It is very important that you ensure your mailing address is correct. If you are a licensed representative or attorney, you must include your professional license or bar number. A Letter of Authorization or Power of Attorney is required if you are an unlicensed representative acting on behalf of a property owner or you are not an employee of the property owner. We will also need a day time phone number where you may be reached. An email address is needed to complete the petition online. If you do not have an email address you can create a free email account at <a href="www.yahoo.com">www.yahoo.com</a> or <a href="www.yahoo.com">www.gmail.com</a> or you can use the VAB generic email address – <a href="petition@occompt.com">petition@occompt.com</a>. Please let us know your contact preference. Would you prefer we contact you by email, U.S. mail, or fax?

Petitioner Type: *	Are you a Taxpayer or an Agent:  TaxPayer  Agent code:  Prof license #:
Petitioner's Name: *	SMITH CHESTER D, SMITH DARLA K
Mailing Address 1:*	1395 SWEET LANE
Mailing Address 2	
Mailing City:*	ORLANDO
Mailing State:*	FL
Mailing Zip/Postal Code:*	Enter your daytime - phone number
	United States - email address
Phone:*	- contact preference
Phone (other):	
Fax:	
E-Mail:*	
Confirm E-Mail:*	
Contact Preference: *	If possible, I prefer to receive information by:  Select US mail e-mail
	e-mail

# Step #3

Click on the correct box to select your appeal. If you are filing for denial of exemption, please select the exemption type from the drop-down box.

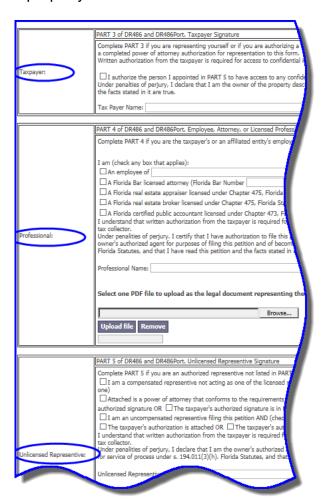
NOTE: Selecting multiple boxes will result in multiple petitions and increase the total filing fee.

If you sold your home and are filing for portability, move to the next section which provides the opportunity to file a portability petition.

	(Check all that apply - a separate DR-486 will be generated for each selection)	Homestead Age 65 and older, low income		
I wish to	☐ Real Property Value ☐ Property was NOT substantially complete on January 1 ☐ Denial of classification	Blind Disabled Disabled, total and permanent Disabled, low income, total and permanent		
appeal my:	□ Parent/grandparent reduction □ Denial of exemption. Select Type: Select □ Denial for late filing of exemption or classification. Include a date stamped copy of application. □ Tangible personal property value. A return re	Disabled veteran discount, 65 or older Disabled veteran, 10% or more disability Disabled veteran, confined to wheelchair Service-connected total and permanent disab Charter school Child care facility, enterprise zone Conservation land, dedicated in perpetuity Economic development Exempt entity		
		Government property Historic property Renewable energy Other Deployed military		
☐ I want to file	a Portability Petition:  (Check all that apply - a separate DR-486PORT will be generated for each selection)			
Portability:	I was denied the transfer of the assessment difference from my previous homest that denial.  I want to appeal the assessment difference amount calculated by the property as believe the homestead assessment difference that should be transferred is   I did not file the assessment difference transfer on time.			
	My petition appeals the actions of the property appraiser in the previous county No 🔻			
	Previous Property Parcel ID: *			
	Previous Property Address: *			

## Step #4

Complete Part 3 if you are the property owner representing yourself. Complete Part 4 if you are the property owner's employee, a licensed agent, or an attorney. Please note, all licensed representatives must include their professional license or bar number. Complete part 5 if you are an authorized unlicensed representative and upload a signed written Letter of Authorization or Power of Attorney from the property owner.

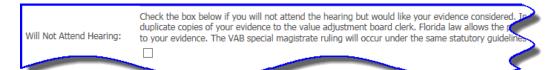


## Step #5

Let us know how much time you think you will need to present your evidence to the Special Magistrate. Also, indicate any dates when you are not available for a VAB hearing. You can move between months by clicking on the arrows.



Indicate by checking the box if you will not attend the hearing.



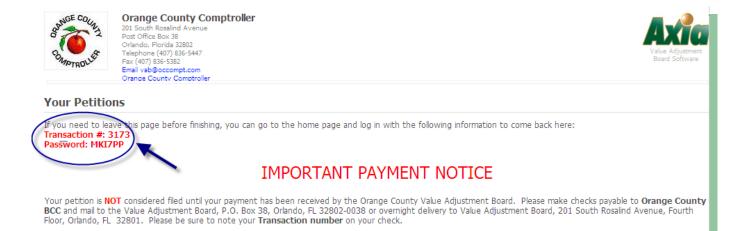
### Step #6

You are now ready to electronically sign your petition. Once you have finished filling out your petition, you <u>must</u> click on the "Submit" button on the bottom of the page.



#### Step #7

Once you have clicked on submit, the following payment screen will appear. You are now ready to submit payment for the filing fee. If you have any questions, please contact the VAB Clerk at (407)-836-5447. Please note that your petition is **NOT** considered filed until your payment has been received by the VAB Clerk pursuant to <u>Section 194.013</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>.



**Important Note:** Should you need to step away and submit payment at a later time, you will need to write down your User ID and Password provided at the top of the page. Your User ID will be the same as the Transaction ID that is provided to you after completion of the online file.



The following describes your options to submit:

I'm ready to Submit My Petition(s) and Send a Check by Mail — This option is for petitioners who are finished and want to send payment in by check or money order. Checks/Money Orders can be made payable to Orange County BCC and mailed to the Value Adjustment Board Office, P.O. Box 38, Orlando, FL 32802-0038. Please be sure to write your User ID or Transaction Number on your check/money order. NOTE: Pursuant to Section 194.013, Florida Statutes, PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF PETITION FILING. PAYMENT MUST BE IN VAB CLERK'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THE PETITION FILING DEADLINE DATE. AT THIS TIME, WE ANTICIPATE THE 2017 FILING DEALDINE TO BE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017. PLEASE MONITOR OUR VAB WEBPAGE FOR UPDATES REGARDING THE PETITION FILING DEADLINE FOR VALUATION PETITIONS.

I'm ready to Submit My Petition(s) and Want to Pay by Credit Card – This option is for petitioners who are finished and want to pay by MasterCard or Visa online.

On this page, you will also see the following two options:



<u>Do You Want To Remove a Petition From This List?</u> - This option is for a petitioner who has filed a petition in error and would like to remove it from their list of pending petitions.

<u>Do You Want To Add Another Petition?</u> – This option is for a petitioner who wishes to file more than one petition <u>and</u> would like to add another petition to the list of pending petitions. For example, if you are filing a petition for more than one parcel or for more than one appeal reason, you may file the additional petition(s) here.

You will receive a confirmation email shortly after completing your online petition with your transaction # and password.

If at any time, you would like to track the status of your petition, you may log on to <a href="https://vab.occompt.com/2017/">https://vab.occompt.com/2017/</a>, enter your Transaction # and Password under 'Check Petition Status', and then click on 'Log In.' You will then view many items including your petition, hearing dates, the Special Magistrate's recommendation and final decision letters. Let this feature help you track the progress of your petition!



# You are finished! Congratulations!

If you have any questions, concerns, or have experienced any challenges while filing your petition online, please feel free to contact the Clerk of the VAB by dialing (407)-836-5447 or emailing the VAB Clerk at <a href="mailto:vab@occompt.com">vab@occompt.com</a>.