

ASSESSMENT APPEAL APPLICATION

This form contains all of the requests for information that are required for filing an application for changed assessment. Failure to complete this application may result in rejection of the application and/or denial of the appeal. Applicants should be prepared to submit additional information if requested by the assessor or at the time of the hearing. Failure to provide information at the hearing the appeals board considers necessary may result in the continuance of the hearing or denial of the appeal. **Do not attach hearing evidence to this application.**

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APPLICATION NUMBER: Clerk Use Only

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF APPLICANT (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL), BUSINESS, OR TRUST NAME _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (STREET ADDRESS OR P. O. BOX) _____

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	DAYTIME TELEPHONE ()	ALTERNATE TELEPHONE ()	FAX TELEPHONE ()
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2. CONTACT INFORMATION - AGENT, ATTORNEY, OR RELATIVE OF APPLICANT if applicable - (REPRESENTATION IS OPTIONAL)

NAME OF AGENT, ATTORNEY, OR RELATIVE (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COMPANY NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON IF OTHER THAN ABOVE (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) _____

MAILING ADDRESS (STREET ADDRESS OR P. O. BOX) _____

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AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT **AUTHORIZATION ATTACHED**
The following information must be completed (or attached to this application - see instructions) unless the agent is a licensed California attorney as indicated in the Certification section, or a spouse, child, parent, registered domestic partner, or the person affected. If the applicant is a business entity, the agent's authorization must be signed by an officer or authorized employee of the business.

The person named in Section 2 above is hereby authorized to act as my agent in this application, and may inspect assessor's records, enter in stipulation agreements, and otherwise settle issues relating to this application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, OFFICER, OR AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE ▶	TITLE	DATE
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3. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Yes No Is this property a single-family dwelling that is occupied as the principal place of residence by the owner?

ENTER APPLICABLE NUMBER FROM YOUR NOTICE/TAX BILL

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	ASSESSMENT NUMBER	FEE NUMBER
ACCOUNT NUMBER	TAX BILL NUMBER	
PROPERTY ADDRESS OR LOCATION	DOING BUSINESS AS (DBA), if appropriate	

PROPERTY TYPE

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE-FAMILY / CONDOMINIUM / TOWNHOUSE / DUPLEX | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURAL | <input type="checkbox"/> POSSESSORY INTEREST |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-FAMILY/APARTMENTS: NO. OF UNITS _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> MANUFACTURED HOME | <input type="checkbox"/> VACANT LAND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER CRAFT | <input type="checkbox"/> AIRCRAFT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY/FIXTURES | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ | |

4. VALUE	A. VALUE ON ROLL	B. APPLICANT'S OPINION OF VALUE	C. APPEALS BOARD USE ONLY
LAND			
IMPROVEMENTS/STRUCTURES			
FIXTURES			
PERSONAL PROPERTY (see instructions)			
MINERAL RIGHTS			
TREES & VINES			
OTHER			
TOTAL			
PENALTIES (amount or percent)			

5. TYPE OF ASSESSMENT BEING APPEALED *Check only one. See instructions for filing periods*

- REGULAR ASSESSMENT – VALUE AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR
 - SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT
*DATE OF NOTICE: _____ ROLL YEAR: _____
 - ROLL CHANGE ESCAPE ASSESSMENT CALAMITY REASSESSMENT PENALTY ASSESSMENT
*DATE OF NOTICE: _____ **ROLL YEAR: _____
- *Must attach copy of notice or bill, where applicable **Each roll year requires a separate application**

6. REASON FOR FILING APPEAL (FACTS) *See instructions before completing this section.*

If you are uncertain of which item to check, please check "I. OTHER" and provide a brief explanation of your reasons for filing this application. The reasons that I rely upon to support requested changes in value are as follows:

- A. DECLINE IN VALUE
 - The assessor's roll value exceeds the market value as of January 1 of the current year.
- B. CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
 - 1. No change in ownership occurred on the date of _____.
 - 2. Base year value for the change in ownership established on the date of _____ is incorrect.
- C. NEW CONSTRUCTION
 - 1. No new construction occurred on the date of _____.
 - 2. Base year value for the completed new construction established on the date of _____ is incorrect.
 - 3. Value of construction in progress on January 1 is incorrect.
- D. CALAMITY REASSESSMENT
 - Assessor's reduced value is incorrect for property damaged by misfortune or calamity.
- E. BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY/FIXTURES. Assessor's value of personal property and/or fixtures exceeds market value.
 - 1. All personal property/fixtures.
 - 2. Only a portion of the personal property/fixtures. Attach description of those items.
- F. PENALTY ASSESSMENT
 - Penalty assessment is not justified.
- G. CLASSIFICATION/ALLOCATION
 - 1. Classification of property is incorrect.
 - 2. Allocation of value of property is incorrect (e.g., between land and improvements).
- H. APPEAL AFTER AN AUDIT. Must include description of each property, issues being appealed, and your opinion of value.
 - 1. Amount of escape assessment is incorrect.
 - 2. Assessment of other property of the assessee at the location is incorrect.
- I. OTHER
 - Explanation (attach sheet if necessary) _____

7. WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACTS (\$ _____ per _____)

- Are requested. Are not requested.

8. THIS APPLICATION IS DESIGNATED AS A CLAIM FOR REFUND *See instructions.*

- Yes No

CERTIFICATION

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all information hereon, including any accompanying statements or documents, is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am (1) the owner of the property or the person affected (i.e., a person having a direct economic interest in the payment of taxes on that property – "The Applicant"), (2) an agent authorized by the applicant under item 2 of this application, or (3) an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California, State Bar Number _____, who has been retained by the applicant and has been authorized by that person to file this application.

SIGNATURE (Use Blue Pen - Original signature required on paper-filed application)	SIGNED AT (CITY, STATE)	DATE
▶		

NAME (Please Print)

FILING STATUS (IDENTIFY RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT NAMED IN SECTION 1)

- OWNER AGENT ATTORNEY SPOUSE REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER CHILD PARENT PERSON AFFECTED
- CORPORATE OFFICER OR DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE

Check the **Regular Assessment** box for:

- Decline in value appeals (value as of January 1 of current year).
- Change in ownership and new construction appeals when the 60 day filing period for a supplemental assessment appeal has been missed, provided the following January 1 after change of ownership or new construction has passed.

Supplemental Assessment filing dates are within 60 days after the mailing date printed on the supplemental notice or supplemental tax bill, or the postmark date of the notice or tax bill, whichever is later. Check the **Supplemental Assessment** box for:

- Change in ownership and new construction appeals filed **within** 60 days of the mailing date printed on the supplemental assessment notice or supplemental tax bill, or the postmark date of the notice or tax bill, whichever is later.

Roll Change/Escape Assessment/Penalty Assessment filing dates are within 60 days after the mailing date printed on the assessment notice, or the postmark date of the notice, whichever is later. **Calamity Reassessment** filing dates are within six months after the mailing of the assessment notice. Check the **Roll Change/Escape Assessment/Calamity Reassessment** box for:

- Roll corrections
- Escape assessments, including those discovered upon audit
- Penalty Assessments
- Property damaged by misfortune or calamity, such as a natural disaster

For **Supplemental and Roll Change/Escape Assessment/Calamity Reassessment** appeals, indicate the roll year and provide the date of the notice or date of the tax bill. Typically, the roll year is the fiscal year that begins on July 1 of the year in which you file your appeal. **It is required that you attach a copy of the supplemental or escape assessment notice or tax bill.**

SECTION 6. REASON FOR FILING APPEAL (FACTS)

Please check the item or items describing your reason(s) for filing this application. You may attach a brief explanation if necessary. Evidence must be presented at the hearing; do not attach hearing evidence to this application.

A **Decline in Value** appeal means that you believe the market value of the property on January 1 of the current year is less than the assessed value for the property. If you select **Decline in Value**, be advised that the application will only be effective for the one year appealed. Subsequent years will normally require additional filings during the regular assessment appeal filing period.

In general, **base year** is either the year your real property changed ownership or the year of completion of new construction on your property; **base year value** is the value established at that time. The **base year value** may be appealed during the regular filing period for the year it was placed on the roll or during the regular filing period in the subsequent three years.

Calamity Reassessment includes damage due to unforeseen occurrences such as fire, earthquake, and flood, and does not include damages that occur gradually due to ordinary natural forces. An appeal application may only be filed after you have (1) filed a request for reassessment due to a calamity with the assessor; and (2) you have received a notice from the assessor in reply to that request for reassessment.

Only applications filed for **penalties** imposed by the assessor can be removed by the board. A penalty assessed by the tax collector cannot be removed by the appeals board; for example, late charges on payments.

For **classification** of property, indicate whether you are appealing only an item, category, or class of property. Please attach a separate sheet identifying what property will be the subject of this appeal. **Allocation** of value is the division of total value between various components, such as land and improvements.

Appeal after an Audit must include a complete description of each property being appealed, and the reason for the appeal. Contact the clerk to determine what documents must be submitted. If not timely submitted, it will result in the denial of your application.

SECTION 7. WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACTS

Written findings of facts are explanations of the appeals board's decision, and will be necessary if you intend to seek judicial review of an adverse appeals board decision. Findings of facts can only be requested if your appeal is heard before a board and if made in writing at any time prior to the commencement of the hearing. Failure to pay the required fees prior to the conclusion of the hearing will be deemed a waiver of the request. Requests for a tape recording or transcript **must** be made no later than 60 days after the final determination by the appeals board. Contact the clerk to determine the appropriate fee; do not send payment with your application.

SECTION 8. DESIGNATION AS CLAIM FOR REFUND

Indicate whether you want to designate this application as a claim for refund. If action in superior court is anticipated, designating this application as a claim for refund may affect the time period in which you can file suit. NOTE: If for any reason you decide to withdraw this application, that action will also constitute withdrawal of your claim for refund.

CERTIFICATION - Check the box that best describes your status as the person filing the application.

REQUESTS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

You may request an "exchange of information" between yourself and the assessor regardless of the assessed value of the property. If the assessed value of the property exceeds \$100,000, the assessor may initiate an "exchange of information" (Revenue and Taxation Code section 1606). Such a request may be filed with this application or may be filed any time prior to 30 days before the commencement of the hearing on this application. The request **must** contain the basis of your opinion of value. Please include comparable sales, cost, and income data where appropriate to support the value. In some counties, a list of property transfers may be inspected at the assessor's office for a fee not to exceed \$10. The list contains transfers that have occurred within the county over the last two years.