

RCW 84.36.387 Residences—Claimants—Penalty for falsification—Reduction by remainderman. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all claims for exemption shall be made and signed under oath by the person entitled to the exemption, by his or her attorney-in-fact or in the event the residence of such person is under mortgage or purchase contract requiring accumulation of reserves out of which the holder of the mortgage or contract is required to pay real estate taxes, by such holder or by the owner: PROVIDED, That if a claim for exemption is made by a person living in a cooperative housing association, corporation, or partnership, such claim shall be made and signed by the person entitled to the exemption and by the authorized agent of such cooperative.

(2) If the taxpayer is unable to submit his or her own claim, the claim shall be submitted by a duly authorized agent or by a guardian or other person charged with the care of the person or property of such taxpayer.

(3) All claims for exemption and renewal applications shall be accompanied by such documented verification of income as shall be prescribed by rule adopted by the department of revenue.

(4) Any person signing a false claim with the intent to defraud or evade the payment of any tax is guilty of perjury under chapter 9A.72 RCW.

(5) The tax liability of a cooperative housing association, corporation, or partnership shall be reduced by the amount of tax exemption to which a claimant residing therein is entitled and such cooperative shall reduce any amount owed by the claimant to the cooperative by such exact amount of tax exemption or, if no amount be owed, the cooperative shall make payment to the claimant of such exact amount of exemption.

(6) A remainderman or other person who would have otherwise paid the tax on real property that is the subject of an exemption granted under RCW 84.36.381 for an estate for life shall reduce the amount which would have been payable by the life tenant to the remainderman or other person to the extent of the exemption. If no amount is owed or separately stated as an obligation between these persons, the remainderman or other person shall make payment to the life tenant in the exact amount of the exemption. [2020 c 209 s 1; 2003 c 53 s 408; 1992 c 206 s 14; 1980 c 185 s 6; 1975 1st ex.s. c 291 s 16; 1974 ex.s. c 182 s 4.]

Automatic expiration date and tax preference performance statement exemption—2020 c 209: "The provisions of RCW 82.32.805 and 82.32.808 do not apply to this act." [2020 c 209 s 4.]

Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53: See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

Effective date—1992 c 206: See note following RCW 82.04.170.

Effective dates—Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 291: See notes following RCW 82.04.050.