

# WHAT DETERMINES PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

Michigan law defines principal residence as the one place where a person has his or her true, fixed and permanent home to which, whenever absent he or she intends to return and that shall continue as a principal residence until another principal residence is established.

To verify a person's claim for principal residence, Oakland County Equalization, as the assessor, will accept various documents that, taken together, establishes that the person or persons filing the claim occupies the property as a principal residence.

## A minimum of 3 Documents Required for Proof

Examples Include:

- Driver's License
- MI Income Tax Return
- Voter Registration Card
- Insurance Documents
- Bank Statements
- Utility Bills-Mailing Address Must be the Property Address

No one of these factors taken alone is controlling over any other factor.

**Documents should be submitted to the Equalization office located at 250 Elizabeth Lake Road, Ste 1000W, Pontiac, MI 48341. You may also find forms and other information on our website at [Oakgov.com/equal](http://Oakgov.com/equal). Call us at: 248/858-5583.**

All Documents  
MUST  
List the Property  
Address