

ARE YOU STILL ELIGIBLE FOR THE STAR EXEMPTION?

For those residents who are currently benefiting from the Star Exemption program, please check your eligibility by phoning NYS at (518) 457-2036. If the property owner(s) adjusted gross income (AGI), on the 2021, Federal & State Income Tax Returns exceeds \$250,000, then you no longer are eligible for this exemption.

Instead, you will need to register with NYS to switch from the STAR Exemption program to the Star Credit program. You can register either online at www.tax.ny.gov/star or by phone at (518) 457-2036. The deadline to register is by August 1, 2023 in order to receive your STAR savings in the form of a check directly from NYS.

For your convenience, please find enclosed NYS Department of Taxation & Finance instructions.



Register for the School Tax Relief (STAR) Credit

Congratulations on your new home! If this will be your primary residence, take a few minutes to register for the STAR credit.

Eligible new homeowners will receive their STAR savings in the form of a check directly from New York State.

But you must register with the New York State Tax Department to receive a STAR credit check.

You can register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.tax.ny.gov/star.

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone at 518-457-2036 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Feedback on the STAR Registration application from our users:

'Straightforward and easy to use.'

'Very user friendly. Easy to go through step by step.'

'I expected this to be a long lengthy process... and it was not.'

Are you eligible for STAR?

If you own your home, it's your primary residence, and your income is \$500,000 or less, you're eligible for the Basic STAR credit.

In addition, if you're 65 or older with an income of \$93,200 or less, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR credit.

In the first year of your new home, you may receive the prior owner's STAR exemption. In future years, as long as you're eligible, we'll send you a STAR check. You don't need to register again.

Before you register, have this information available:

- ☐ names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses
- ☐ the name of the school district where your primary residence is located
- ☐ approximate date you purchased the property, and the name of the sellers
- ☐ the most recent school tax bill, if you received one
- ☐ address of any residential property owned in another state
- ☐ if the property is owned in trust, the legal name of the trust
- ☐ 2021 federal or state income tax returns for all owners (if you didn't file a 2021 income tax return, you'll be asked to provide financial information for all property owners)

