

STAR

New homeowners and first-time STAR applicants

The STAR exemption (a reduction directly off school portion of tax bill) program is closed to all new applicants. If you're a new homeowner or you weren't receiving the STAR exemption on your current home in 2015, you can register for the Star Credit (tax.ny.gov) to receive a check or direct deposit directly from NY State. Homeowners in this category must register with the NYS DTF by visiting the website or calling (518) 457-2036. Once the registration is approved by NYS DTF, the homeowner will receive a check from NYS DTF. The Assessor's Office is no longer responsible for processing or approving these applications.

Current STAR exemption recipients

If you have an existing STAR exemption, you do not need to reapply, however, you must update your registration with the Department if:

***You continue to own the property but have filed a new deed due to:**

-marriage, divorce, surrender of interest by a co-owner survivorship, trusts, life estates, divorce, name changes.

To update your registration, visit the [Homeowner Benefit Portal on the Star Website \(tax.ny.gov\)](http://tax.ny.gov) and follow the instructions to log in or create an Online Services account.

Basic STAR

- The Basic STAR exemption is available to all persons who owned-occupied their residential property prior to 3/1/15, and whose income (owner and spouse) was \$250,000 or less.

Note: The STAR exemption information on this page applies only to current STAR exemption recipients. For general information about the STAR program and STAR credit, visit Star Resource Center (tax.ny.gov)

Enhanced STAR

- The Enhanced STAR exemption provides an increased benefit for the primary residence of a senior citizen (age 65 and older) who has a qualifying 2024 income of less than \$113,550.
- New York State revised the filing and approval procedure for all Enhanced STAR applications. Visit (tax.ny.gov)

***If you are a SENIOR receiving the BASIC Star exemption, you will no longer need to contact the Assessor's Office to request the ENHANCED STAR exemption.**

Starting in 2026, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will verify your age and income, and if you qualify, NYS will notify the Assessor to upgrade the exemption, WITHOUT filing an application.