



STAR Credit Program (New)

(Property ownership on or after March 1, 2015)

Where to apply: New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

There have been some administration changes in how certain homeowners will apply for STAR and in how they receive their STAR benefit. New Basic and Enhanced STAR applicants will now register directly with New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, instead of applying with their local town assessor, and will receive a STAR credit, in the form of a check, instead of receiving a property tax exemption on the school tax bill.

You should register for the STAR Credit if you:

- Bought your home after March 1, 2015
- Never applied for the STAR benefit on your primary residence;
- Received a letter advising you to register
- If you received the prior owner's STAR exemption on the September 2015 school tax bill.

Register on the NYS website anytime at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>

A property owner wishing to register by telephone, can call: **(518) 457-2036**
between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday

Register by July 1st to receive a credit check that is scheduled to be mailed every September.

Register after July 1st and the credit check will be mailed at a later date.

To complete your registration, you'll need to:

1. Provide the names and social security numbers for all owners and their spouses.
2. Answer a few questions about the income and residency of the owners and their spouses.
3. Provide the date you purchased your home and the names of the sellers.

Are you eligible for STAR?

- To receive the STAR credit, you must own your home and it must be your primary residence.

Basic STAR

- The total income of the owners and the owners' spouses who primarily reside at the property must not exceed \$500,000.

Enhanced STAR

- The income limit for Enhanced STAR (Adjusted Gross Income minus IRA Distributions).
 - 2016 income limit - \$84,550
 - 2017 income limit - \$86,000
- All owners must be at least 65 years of age as of December 31st, unless the owners are spouses or siblings, in which case only one owner must meet the age requirement.