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Save on property taxes

Take advantage of the
Senior Citizen Homeowners'
Exemption Program and
the Disabled Homeowners'
Exemption Program



Assemblyman Braunstein: Seniors and disabled homeowners can save on their property taxes



Look inside to learn about it

“This year, we took a huge step forward to help more seniors and New Yorkers with disabilities afford to stay in their homes.”

— **Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein**

“Expanding access to affordable housing and helping more people stay in their homes and the communities they helped build is always a top priority,” said Assemblyman Braunstein. “With the cost of living continuing to rise, making ends meet can be especially hard for seniors and New Yorkers with disabilities, who live on fixed incomes.

“That’s why I fought for a new law that expands eligibility for key property tax relief programs so that more people can continue to live in the neighborhoods they’ve always called home,” said Assemblyman Braunstein.

The Senior Citizen Homeowners’ Exemption (SCHE) and Disabled Homeowners’ Exemption (DHE) programs reduce the tax assessments for eligible seniors and the disabled. The law raises the income cap for SCHE and DHE from \$29,000 to \$50,000 for a full 50 percent reduction in property tax assessment, and from \$37,399 to \$58,400 for a partial reduction. Before now, eligibility levels had not been changed since 2009. This adjustment will make an additional 32,000 New York City homeowners eligible for much-needed property tax relief.

“This expansion is a crucial step in ensuring New York City remains a place where people of all backgrounds and income levels can afford to own a home and make a life for themselves and their families,” said Assemblyman Braunstein. “Seniors and New Yorkers with disabilities should never be priced out of their homes. I’ll always look for ways to save them money and protect their quality of life.”



How do I apply for SCHE or DHE?

- Visit the NYC Department of Finance website nyc.gov/SCHE and nyc.gov/DHE to download an application
- Call 311 or Assemblyman Braunstein’s office at 718-357-3588 and request an application be sent to your home

Additionally, as of 2014, the household income to qualify for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program increased from \$29,000 to \$50,000 to provide rent relief for seniors by freezing their rent and exempting them from future increases. For further information, please visit nyc.gov/SCRIE or call 311.

Assemblyman Braunstein Provides Benefits Assistance for Seniors

Assemblyman Braunstein, in partnership with Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc., is offering benefits and entitlements counseling to persons 60 years of age and older, including help with EPIC, Food Stamps, HEAP, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, SCHE, and SCRIE.

Please call Assemblyman Braunstein’s office at 718-357-3588 if you would like to schedule an appointment with a case worker.



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