

DEADLINE: RE-REGISTER BY DECEMBER 31, 2013

RE-REGISTER FOR YOUR BASIC STAR EXEMPTION

New York is requiring homeowners to re-register for their school property tax exemption, known as BASIC STAR. This was done to prevent fraud and ensure that homeowners like you can receive school property tax savings.

Re-registration Deadline is December 31,2013.

RE-REGISTER FOR STAR ONLINE AT: WWW.TAX.NY.GOV

Here are a few things you will need to do:

- ★ Verify Your STAR Code and home address. You can look up your STAR Code online at the state Tax Department's website or by calling (518) 457-2036.
- ★ Provide names and Social Security Numbers of property owners and spouses.
- ★ Confirm primary residency. Applicants can only claim one STAR Exemption.
- ★ Confirm combined spousal income is less than \$500,000.
- ★ Confirm that no out-of-state residential property tax exemption is claimed.

You only have to re-register once. In following years, the State Tax Department will confirm homeowners' eligibility.

If you are a new homeowner

You'll have to fill out a RP-425 – Application for School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption, also available at www.tax.ny.gov, and file it with your local tax assessor.

If you are a senior

This will not affect seniors receiving Enhanced STAR. Enhanced STAR recipients will continue to apply annually or may participate in the Income Verification Program to avoid having to apply annually. Call the Tax Department at (518) 457-2036 for more information.

If you are a senior who currently receives the Basic STAR Exemption, you will need to re-register by December 31, 2013.

