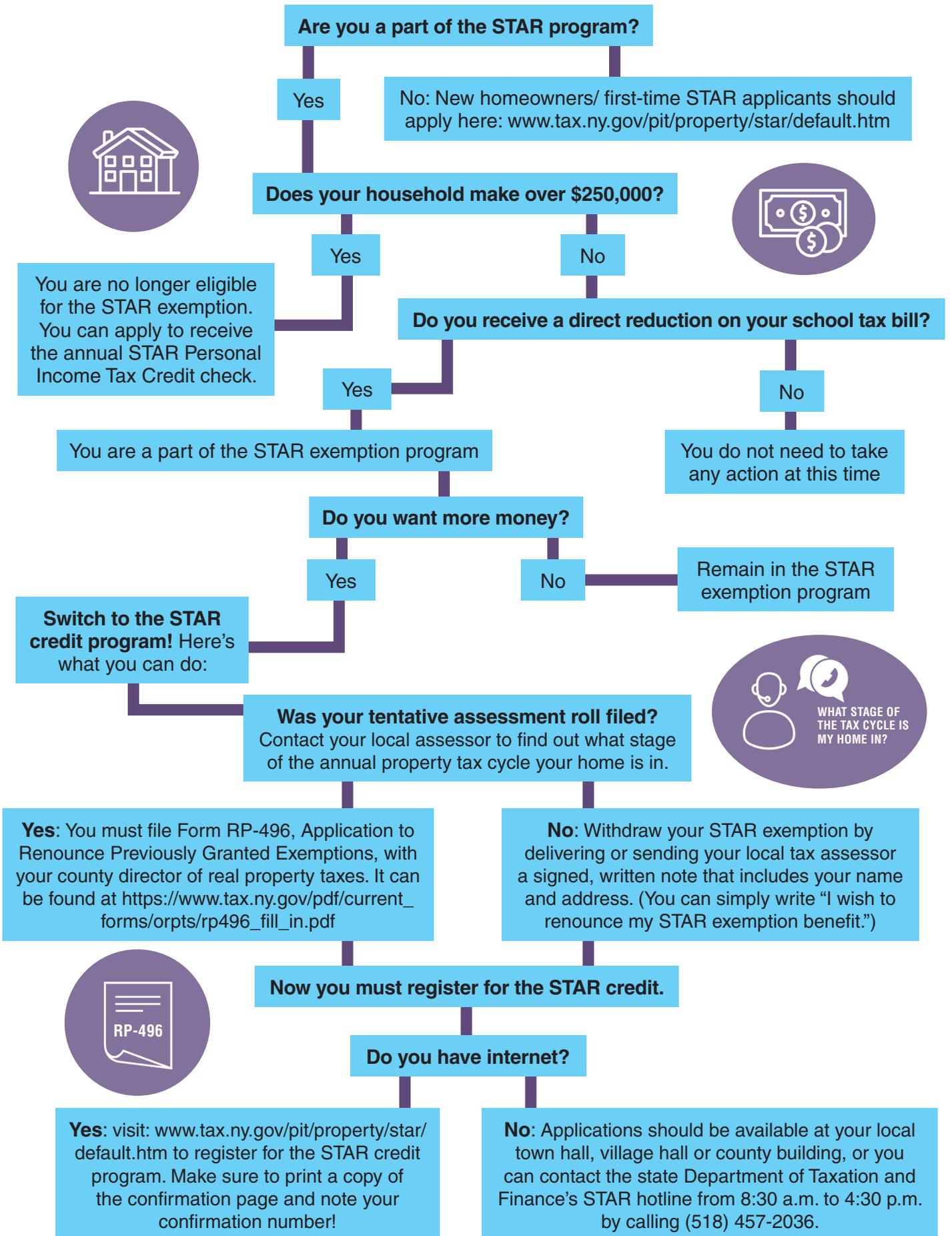


WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

Beginning this year, recipients of the STAR credit program may see their savings increase by as much as 2 percent each year; however, there will be no increase for those who participate in the STAR exemption program. If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit.



Basic STAR

- ★ Available for owner-occupied, primary residences.
- ★ The income limit for the Basic STAR credit is \$500,000 (the new income limit for the Basic STAR exemption is \$250,000).
- ★ Reduces the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home.

Enhanced STAR

- ★ Provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older).
- ★ The income limit for the Enhanced STAR benefit is \$86,300 or less for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ★ Reduces the first \$68,700 of the full value of a home for the 2019-2020 school year.
- ★ Enhanced STAR recipients are required to enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP). To learn more, please go to www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/ivp.htm.

BEFORE YOU MAKE THE SWITCH:

Before registering, be sure to have the following information on hand for reference. You will not be able to save your online registration mid-point to complete at a later time if you do not have these materials on hand before you start:

- ★ The names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses.
- ★ The primary residence of the owners and their spouses.
- ★ Approximate date the owners purchased the property and the name of the sellers. This information is on file with your Town Clerk if you do not have it.
- ★ 2018 school tax bill, if the current owners received one.
- ★ Address of any residential property owned in another state.
- ★ The legal name of the trust, if applicable.
- ★ 2017 federal or state income tax returns for all owners.

NOTE: *If you weren't required to file a 2017 income tax return, you will need the following information for all property owners: total wages, salaries, and tips; taxable interest income and dividends; unemployment compensation; total pensions and annuities; Social Security benefits; and other income.*

FAQ'S

Who is Eligible? If you own your home, and it is your primary residence, you may be eligible for either Basic STAR or Enhanced STAR.

Why Are The Changes Taking Place? The Department of Taxation and Finance claims the changes are being made to make it easier to track the STAR program. The real reason is to keep state spending below 2%. Real Property tax credit checks are tied to tax revenue and recorded as a reduction in revenue going to the state; exemptions, however, are a state expense.

What If I Don't Have Internet? These applications should be available at your local town hall, village hall, or county building, or you can contact the state Department of Taxation and Finance's STAR hotline from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling (518) 457-2036.

TOWN PHONE NUMBERS

TOWN OF PROVIDENCE	(518) 882-6541
TOWN OF GALWAY	(518) 882-6070
TOWN OF BALLSTON	(518) 490-2719
TOWN OF GREENFIELD	(518) 893-7432
TOWN OF MILTON	(518) 885-8047
TOWN OF CHARLTON	(518) 384-0152
TOWN OF GLENVILLE	(518) 688-1200 EXT 6
TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK	(518) 371-6651
TOWN OF HALFMOON	(518) 371-7410 EXT 2244

It is strongly encouraged that homeowners apply for the STAR credit as soon as possible to receive your STAR credit check for this school tax year.

For more information on this or any other state issue, please contact Assemblywoman Walsh at:

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★ **The STAR exemption** (now closed to new applicants after fiscal year 2015-16): you receive a direct reduction on your school tax bill in the form of a property tax exemption.

★ **The STAR credit program**: you receive a check in the mail from the Tax Department to apply to your school taxes. If you are in this program, you will continue to pay your taxes and receive your check as normal.

WHAT IS THE STAR PROGRAM?

The **School Tax Relief (STAR)** program provides eligible homeowners in New York State with property tax relief through the Basic STAR and Enhanced STAR programs. If you're a recipient, you may be receiving the benefit in one of two ways:

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