



Register for the School Tax Relief (STAR) Credit

Congratulations on your new home! If this will be your primary residence, take a few minutes to register for the STAR credit.

Eligible new homeowners will receive their STAR savings in the form of a check directly from New York State.

But you must register with the New York State Tax Department to receive a STAR credit check.

You can register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.tax.ny.gov/star.

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (518-457-2036).

Feedback on the STAR Registration application from our users:

'Straightforward and easy to use.'

'Very user friendly. Easy to go through step by step.'

'I expected this to be a long lengthy process... and it was not.'

Are you eligible for STAR?

If you own your home, it's your primary residence, and your income is \$500,000 or less, you're eligible for the Basic STAR credit.

In addition, if you're 65 or older with an income of \$86,000 or less, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR credit. In the first year of your new home, you may receive the prior owner's STAR exemption. In future years, as long as you're eligible, we'll send you a STAR check. You don't need to register again.

Before you register, have this information available:

- names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses;
- primary residence of the owners and their spouses;
- approximate date the owners purchased the property, and the name of the sellers;
- 2017 school tax bill, if you received one;
- address of any residential property owned in another state;
- if the property is owned in trust, the legal name of the trust;
- 2016 federal or state income tax returns for all owners. If you didn't file a 2016 income tax return, you'll be asked to provide financial information for all property owners.

