NEW YORK STATE | Department of Taxation and Finance

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 or direct deposit directly from New York State.

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

You can register 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in the homeowner benefit portal at ***www.tax.ny.gov/star***.

Property owners without access to a computer can register by phone at 518-457-2036 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Our Homeowner Benefit Portal is available to help you receive the property tax benefits you're eligible for!

As a New York State homeowner, use our portal to:

- *register for the STAR credit*
- *enroll in STAR Credit Direct Deposit*
- *check the status of your property tax registrations*
- *view, edit, or close your registrations*
- *ensure your information is accurate and complete*
- *take action to resolve issues*

Are you eligible for STAR?

If you own your home on July 1, 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 $110,750 or less, you may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR credit.

In your first year at your new home, you may receive the prior owner's STAR exemption. In future years, as long as you're eligible, you'll receive a STAR credit payment. 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
- ☐ the name of the school district where your primary residence is located
- ☐ approximate date you purchased the property, and the name of the sellers
- ☐ the most recent 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
- ☐ 2024 federal or state income tax returns for all owners (if you didn't file a 2024 income tax return, you'll be asked to provide financial information for all property owners)