



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.

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 \$107,300 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
- 2023 federal or state income tax returns for all owners (if you didn't file a 2023 income tax return, you'll be asked to provide financial information for all property owners)

Our new 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 new 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





Property tax information for new homebuyers

Congratulations on your new home! This information from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will help you:

- receive any property tax benefits you may be eligible for, and
- understand your new property's assessment and property taxes.

For more information on the programs and topics below, follow these steps:

- visit our website at www.tax.ny.gov,
- type **homebuyer** into the *Search Tax* box (upper right corner) and select *Enter*, and
- select the first search result: *Assessments and property taxes for new homebuyers*.

Property tax relief programs

- School Tax Relief (STAR) credit. The STAR Program provides millions of homeowners hundreds of dollars in savings each year. In order for your new property to qualify, it must be your primary residence and your income must be \$500,000 or less. Register for the *STAR credit* on our website!
- Property tax exemptions. You may also be eligible for *property tax exemptions* offered by your municipality, county, or school district. For example, exemptions may be available to qualifying senior citizens, veterans, and persons with disabilities. Check with your assessor to see if you qualify.

About your assessment

Your property's assessment is one of the factors used by your local governments and school district to determine the amount of your property taxes. Assessments are determined by local assessors, who typically work for the county, city, town, or village. The assessment roll, which is available on your local government's website, includes your assessment and the assessor's estimate of the market value of your property. The market value should reflect roughly what you could sell your property for.

On our website, you can learn how to:

- review your assessment annually,
- determine if your assessment is accurate, and
- contact your assessor if you have questions about your assessment or you think your assessment is incorrect.

Questions?

- Visit our website: www.tax.ny.gov
- For questions about the STAR credit, after visiting our website, call 518-457-2036 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- For questions about your assessment, call your local assessor. For contact information, search the *Municipal Profiles* on our website.

