

Changes to the STAR Program

Changes are being made to the STAR Rebate Program, which will affect homeowners who have purchased their homes after the deadline to file for their 2015 STAR exemption.

- Homeowners who wish to apply for the Rebate Program will now be required to register with New York State, rather than with their local tax assessor.
- Qualified homeowners will now receive their property tax credit in the form of a rebate check and will no longer see the STAR exemption/reduction reflected on their tax bill.
- If the property was purchased prior to May 1, 2014 and it is currently receiving a Star Exemption, the exemption will continue to be reflected as a reduction in the school tax bill, and registration with New York State will not be required.
- In order to receive the STAR rebate registration is required for all homes purchased after August 1, 2015. Application can be made online via the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance online registration system via the following link: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/register-for-star-credit.htm>
- Home purchased between May 1, 2014 and August 1, 2015 may be required to register with New York State if they purchased the home after the 2015 application deadline or did not apply for the STAR exemption by the 2015 application deadline.
- Homeowners who register on or before July 1, 2016 should receive their rebate checks before September 1, 2016.

PURCHASE DATE	CHANGE IN STAR REBATE PROGRAM
Prior to May 1, 2014	No change – if presently receiving the Star exemption
May 1, 2014 – August 1, 2015	Registration required with New York State IF a) purchaser was after the 2015 application date for the Star exemption or b) you did not apply for the STAR exemption by the 2015 application date
After August 1, 2015	Registration with New York State required for STAR rebate

- Link to a summary of the changes: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/star/star2016-amendments-summary.pdf>; or you may call The Department of Taxation and Finance at (518) 591-5232 if you have any questions.