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NYS TAX DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES BASIC STAR RE-REGISTRATION

Governor Cuomo's 2013-14 Budget included a provision that requires all homeowners who have been receiving a Basic STAR exemption to re-register.

This initiative is supposed to save New York taxpayers millions of dollars by eliminating inappropriate STAR property tax exemptions. The Basic STAR exemption is available to an individual's or family's primary residence with income of \$500,000 or less. The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property. Income means federal "adjusted gross income" minus the "taxable amount" of total distributions from individual retirement accounts or individual retirement annuities (IRA's).

The NYS Tax Department unveiled an easy, fast and secure online STAR Registration platform for homeowners currently receiving the Basic STAR property tax exemption.

The Tax Department is mailing letters to all 2.6 million Basic STAR recipients. The letters for NY City homeowners will be mailed the week of September 23-27th, Nassau will be mailed the week of September 16-20th and Suffolk and Westchester will be mailed the week of September 30 to October 4th.

The letter includes registration instructions for the Department's online application. It also provides homeowners with a telephone number for registration or questions – 518-457-2036.

The deadline for completing the registration is December 31, 2013.

Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR is not impacted by the re-registration.

The registration affects STAR exemptions in 2014 and beyond. Eligibility in 2014 is based on income information from the 2012 tax year.

You can look up your STSR code at this link. You can then register online in just a few minutes.

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13/lookup.htm>

For more information

- Register online at www.tax.ny.gov
- Call 518-457-2036 to register by phone or to speak to a representative
- [Statewide mailing schedule](#)
- [Youtube video](#)
- [Online demo](#)
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