

MESSAGE FOR REALTORS®:
IMPORTANT CHANGES
 to the **STAR PROGRAM**

Due to changes in the School Tax Relief (STAR) program, certain homeowners in New York State will now have to register for the new STAR credit. **New applicants who qualify for STAR will now receive a credit in the form of a check** rather than receiving a property tax exemption.



WHO HAS TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW STAR CREDIT

If the homeowner...	Then the homeowner...
is receiving a STAR exemption and purchased their current home prior to May 1, 2014 ,	doesn't need to register; they will continue to receive the STAR exemption.
purchased their home between May 1, 2014 and August 1, 2015 ,	needs to register to receive the STAR credit if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they bought their home after the 2015 STAR application deadline (see reverse), - OR - they did not apply for the STAR exemption for their home by the 2015 application deadline (see reverse). Otherwise, no action is necessary; they will continue to receive the STAR exemption.
purchased their home after August 1, 2015 ,	needs to register for the STAR credit.

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (www.tax.ny.gov)



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW STAR CREDIT

To receive a STAR credit check, new STAR applicants must register with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Two ways to register:



Online at
www.tax.ny.gov/star



Call **518.457.2036**
 (Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)



WHEN WILL HOMEOWNERS RECEIVE THEIR STAR CREDIT CHECK

- ✓ New applicants must register **by JULY 1, 2016** to be eligible to receive a STAR credit check by September*.
- ✓ If homeowners register for the new STAR credit **after July 1, 2016**, they will receive a check at a later date.

**Please note: Homeowners in Nassau and Suffolk Counties will receive checks in October and December, respectively, due to later school tax billing dates.*

For any additional questions about STAR eligibility and income limits, visit www.tax.ny.gov.

In most municipalities, the **2015 STAR application deadline** was March 1, 2015. Municipalities with different deadlines can be found in the table below.

County	Municipality	Deadline
Cayuga	City of Auburn	February 1, 2015
Chautauqua	City of Dunkirk	May 1, 2015
Chemung	City of Elmira	June 1, 2015
Cortland	City of Cortland	August 1, 2014
Erie	City of Buffalo	December 1, 2014
	City of Lackawanna	December 1, 2014
Jefferson	City of Watertown	December 1, 2014
Madison	City of Oneida	May 1, 2015
Monroe	City of Rochester	February 1, 2015
Montgomery	City of Amsterdam	December 1, 2014
Nassau	All cities and towns	January 2, 2015
New York City	All New York City boroughs	March 15, 2015
Niagara	City of Lockport	May 1, 2015
Oneida	City of Rome	July 28, 2015
	City of Utica	August 1, 2015
Onondaga	City of Syracuse	January 1, 2015
Ontario	City of Geneva	May 1, 2015
Orange	Village of Kiryas Joel	January 1, 2015
Saratoga	City of Mechanicville	June 1, 2015
St. Lawrence	City of Ogdensburg	April 1, 2015
Steuben	City of Hornell	January 1, 2015
Westchester	Town of Bedford	June 1, 2015
	Village of Bronxville	January 1, 2015
	Town of Cortlandt	May 1, 2015
	Town of Eastchester (except Bronxville)	June 1, 2015
	Town of Greenburgh	May 1, 2015
	Town of Harrison	May 1, 2015
	Town of Lewisboro	June 1, 2015
	Town of Mamaroneck	May 1, 2015
	Town of Mount Kisco	June 1, 2015
	Town of Mount Pleasant	June 1, 2015
	City of Mt Vernon	May 1, 2015
	Town of New Castle	June 1, 2015
	City of New Rochelle	May 1, 2015
	Town of North Castle	May 1, 2015
	Town of North Salem	May 1, 2015
	Town of Ossining	May 1, 2015
	City of Peekskill	May 1, 2015
	Town of Pelham	May 1, 2015
	Town of Pound Ridge	June 1, 2015
	City of Rye	May 1, 2015
	Town of Rye	May 1, 2015
	Town of Scarsdale	May 1, 2015
	Town of Somers	May 1, 2015
	City of White Plains	December 1, 2014
	City of Yonkers	October 15, 2014
	Town of Yorktown	June 1, 2015