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STAR Registration Posters and Palm Cards

New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

The Tax Department's online process is the easiest and fastest way to register. The department will mail registration instructions to all homeowners who currently receive the Basic STAR exemption. Homeowners may also call (518) 457-2036 with any questions or for assistance with online registration.

Help spread the word

By placing the enclosed posters and palm cards where they would be the most visible, you will help ensure that homeowners

- register by the December 31, 2013 deadline, and
- continue to receive their Basic STAR exemption.

Need more?

Electronic versions of posters and palm cards are available at www.tax.ny.gov.

- If you need a Spanish translation of posters or palm cards, email us at ORPTS.STAR@tax.ny.gov
- Versions of the posters and palm cards in English, Spanish, Russian, Korean, Chinese, Italian, and Haitian Creole are also available on our Web site.

Questions?

- Visit our Web site
- Call (518) 474-2819

Thank you for your help

**STAR Registration Fact Sheet**

New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

This is part of a new initiative to protect New Yorkers against inappropriate or fraudulent STAR exemptions.

Who must register?

Resident homeowners who currently receive the Basic STAR exemption must register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

- Homeowners do not need to re-register every year.
- Based on the information provided in the registration process, the Tax Department will confirm homeowners' eligibility in future years.

Senior citizens

Senior citizens receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption are not affected by the new registration requirement. However, in order to receive Enhanced STAR, seniors must continue to:

- apply annually, or
- participate in the Income Verification Program.

Resident homeowners applying for STAR for the first time are not affected by this year's registration procedure. To apply for STAR a new applicant must:

- complete Form RP-425, *Application for School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption*, available on the Tax Department's Web site, and
- file the application with their local assessor.

When does registration begin?

Registration will begin **August 19, 2013** and continue through **December 31, 2013**.

- The Tax Department will mail instructions to all homeowners who currently receive the Basic STAR exemption. The letters will include a STAR code that homeowners will need to register.
- Because seniors who receive Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new requirements, they will not receive new instructions from the Tax Department.