



Department of Taxation and Finance

Changes to the STAR Program

If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit to receive a check instead.

Recent changes in the law beginning this year:

- The value of the STAR credit may increase by as much as 2% each year, but the value of the STAR exemption will not increase.
- The income limit for the Basic STAR exemption is now \$250,000.

If your income is **more than \$250,000**, you **must** switch to the STAR credit.

If your income is **\$250,000 or less**, you have the **option** to switch.

To switch to the STAR credit:

1. Notify your assessor to withdraw from the STAR exemption.
2. [Register for the STAR credit](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm) - <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm>

Telephone # for additional information:

518-457-2036

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/max_index.htm