

Changes to the STAR (Exemption and Credit)

The Assessor would like you to know that there are changes to the STAR (Exemption and Credit) that have recently taken effect, including:

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- To be income eligible for Basic or Enhanced STAR, NYS Tax & Finance will only consider the income of the owners and their spouses who primarily reside on the property.
- NYS Tax & Finance will notify assessors of Basic STAR recipients who become eligible for Enhanced STAR. You no longer need to apply with the Assessor.

If you will be turning 65 and qualify for the Enhanced STAR, and would like to switch to the STAR Credit (check) and potentially save more money, please go to [NYS Tax & Finance](#) where you can sign up or call at (518) 457-2036. There is no need to bring your paperwork to the Assessor's office. You will receive a check from the State instead of an exemption (discount on your school taxes). The checks are mailed out by the end of September or you can choose the direct deposit option. If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at (518) 356-1980 ext. 2002.

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