Basic Star Registration - Frequently Asked Questions

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

I already receive Basic STAR, why do I need to register? This is part of a new initiative to protect New Yorkers against inappropriate or fraudulent STAR exemptions.

Do I have to register every year? No, this is a one-time registration. You do not have to register every year.

Who must register? Only those who receive the Basic STAR Property Tax Exemption.

I have the Enhanced STAR, do I have to register? No. Registration is only for Basic STAR recipients.

What do I need in order to register? To register, you will need your STAR code. The codes for homeowners in Nassau County as well as instruction will begin being mailed out on September 16.

How do I register? You can register online by visiting www.tax.ny.gov and clicking on "Register for STAR" or by phone at (518) 457-2036.

How long do I have to register? You have from the time you receive your code in the mail until December 31, 2013.

What if I am a new homeowner who doesn't have Basic STAR yet? Resident homeowners applying for STAR for the first time are not affected by this year's registration procedure. To apply to STAR, a new applicant must:

• Use Form RP-425, Application for School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption, available on the Tax Department's website at tax.ny.gov or contact the Nassau County Assessor's Office at (516) 571-1500.

• File the application with the Nassau County Assessor's Office.

I have the Basic STAR, but think I may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR? Homeowners 65 years and older may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR. Contact the Nassau County Assessor's Office at (516) 571-1500.

Is there anymore information? Yes. You can download the STAR Registration Fact Sheet below.