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Straightforward Tax Relief Applications for Senior Citizens

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A simplified application process for senior citizens seeking the enhanced school tax relief exemption has been announced. Many of New York's senior citizens live on a fixed-income and rely on their tax exempt status to afford their cost of living. Under current law, senior citizens applying for tax exemption status must complete the full STAR form every year, a long and complicated process, even if their eligibility information remains the same as in the previous year. [Senate Bill S.2937](#) will require the tax commissioner to prepare the form for the applicant in some cases, and provide a simplified application process, especially for those whose eligibility information has not changed, making the process faster, cheaper, easier, and less stressful for all parties involved.