

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: STAR Credit/Exemption Discussion

DATE: February 22, 2021

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board of Education must be kept updated on the New York State STAR Credit/Exemption Information.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

New York State is giving school tax payers the option of switching from STAR exemption to STAR credit, this option is voluntary and is explained in the attachment. Mrs. Smithers will discuss STAR and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No Action Necessary – Information and Discussion Only

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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Attachment

Register for the STAR credit

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① Handout for new homeowners

Realtors and attorneys, as your clients purchase new homes, we encourage you to provide them with this printable one-page handout: [Register for the School Tax Relief \(STAR\) credit](#).

If you've recently bought your home or you've never applied for the STAR benefit on your current home, you may be able to save hundreds of dollars each year. You only need to register for the STAR credit once, and you'll continue to receive the annual benefit as long as you're eligible. See the [STAR program](#) to learn more.

Already registered for the STAR credit?

Unless there's been a change in ownership, please do **not** register again. We'll review your information every year and automatically send you a STAR credit check if you're eligible.

When will you receive your STAR credit check?

Use the [STAR Check Delivery Schedule](#) for updated information on when we will begin to issue checks in your area.

Switching to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption

If you switch to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption, once your registration takes effect, you'll receive a check for the STAR credit rather than a reduction on your school tax bill (the STAR exemption).

If you are voluntarily switching to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption:

- follow the instructions below to register for the STAR credit, and
- select the option *Make the Switch* on the first page of the registration.

If you received a letter that you must update your registration (Form RP-425-RDM):

- follow the instructions below to register for the STAR credit, and
- select the option *Update Registration* on the first page of the registration.

If you pay school taxes through a mortgage escrow account, you may wish to contact the mortgage lender or its agent to advise them that you have switched to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption.

Before you register

Before you start, have the following information at hand for reference. If you don't have the necessary information, you won't be able to save the registration to complete at a later time.

Note: You will be prompted to provide a *Property key*, but it is **not** required to complete the registration.

- names and Social Security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses (you may be asked to enter this information more than once to show the relationships between owners)
- the primary residence of the owners and their spouses
- approximate date the owners purchased the property and the name of the sellers (this information is not required, but it can help us to smoothly process your registration)
- the most recent school tax bill, if the current owners received one ([View examples](#).)
- address of any residential property owned in another state
- the legal name of the trust, if applicable

- 2019 federal or state income tax returns for all owners

If you were **not** required to file a 2019 income tax return, you will need the following additional information for all property owners:

- total wages, salaries, and tips;
- taxable interest income and dividends;
- unemployment compensation;
- total pensions and annuities;
- Social Security benefits; and
- other income.

Ready?

REGISTER

After you register

1. Print a copy of the confirmation page.
2. Note your confirmation number. You'll need it for verification purposes if you contact us later. If you provided your email address, we'll send you an email with your confirmation number.

If you are eligible, we will send your STAR credit check before your school tax bill is due. To see if you'll begin receiving the STAR credit this year or if the registration will not take effect until next year, see [Deadline to switch to the STAR credit from the STAR exemption](#).

In future years

You don't need to register again in future years unless there has been a change in ownership of your home. When you register for the STAR credit, we will automatically review your application to determine whether you're eligible for the Basic or Enhanced STAR credit. As long as you're eligible, we will send you a check for the amount of your benefit.

If you receive a letter from us

If we need additional information to process your registration, or if our records indicate that you are not eligible for the credit, we will send you a letter. The letter will explain how to provide the requested information and how to respond if you disagree.

Resources

- [Handout for new homeowners](#)
- [Property Tax Credit Lookup](#)
- [How to report your STAR credit](#)
- [STAR eligibility](#)
- [Types of STAR](#)
- [Questions and answers for homeowners](#)
- [STAR privacy notification](#)

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