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Effective with May 1st of 2016, a new law was passed as it relates to how the Basic and Enhanced STAR exemption is delivered to new property owners who purchased their home after March 1st, 2015. Since your property sale/transfer took place after the dates above, you will be part of this new process.

In the past, you would register with the local Assessors office. The new Legislation is changing that. The new process is recapped below:

- Property owners apply for the STAR Rebate with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. All applications will be sent to them. The local Assessor will not handle this .The STAR exemption will now be in the form of a Rebate Check to the property owner.
- **New York State has a web based application to do this OR you can call in and register. The web application is at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/register-for-star-credit.htm. The customer call in line is 518-457-2036. Representatives of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance can assist you in the process.**

PLEASE READ BELOW IF OVER AGE 65, AND YOUR COMBINED GROSS INCOME (including Social Security) IS LESS THAN \$32,400

IF your situation meets both of these requirements you may also be eligible for additional exemptions.

These Low Income/Senior exemptions could result in additional reductions on your Town/County/Village & School tax bills. THESE WILL STILL BE APPLIED WITH THE LOCAL ASSESSORS OFFICE.

If you are **OVER AGE 65, AND YOUR COMBINED TOTAL INCOME IS LESS THAN \$32,400**, please be sure to contact our office listed above, and we can assist you in this process. The deadline for these is March 1st, 2017 to apply for the 2017/18 tax year.

Thank You.