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## 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](http://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](http://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.