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Congratulations on the purchase of your new property.

You may have heard of the STAR program offered by the State of New York to provide taxpayers with a School Tax Relief (STAR) Credit. Hopefully you have already applied for your benefit, but if not, or if you have questions, please take a minute to review the requirements of the program.

This past year the STAR program transitioned from an exemption on the assessment roll to a STAR check to be issued to new owners after they apply online or by phone with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.

In some cases, if you purchased a home after March 1, 2016, the previous owner's STAR (if they applied and were eligible) may remain on the parcel for the upcoming school bill, but it will be removed.

If you see that benefit for this one bill, you will still need to apply so you will receive your check going forward.

All the eligibility requirements are still the same for the STAR Credit program.

The property must be your primary residence.

Basic STAR: The total income of the owners and the owner's spouses who primarily reside at the property must not exceed \$500,000.

Enhanced STAR: All owners must be 65 years old (unless the owners are spouses or siblings, in which case at least one owner must be at least 65).

The income limit for Enhanced STAR is annually adjusted for inflation-2016 income limit is \$84,550 and 2017 income limit is \$86,000.

Please visit the NYSDTF website at www.tax.ny.gov and go to the second box from the left Popular Topics, then, Changes to STAR., scroll down to: (please be aware they change the website often-search STAR)

If you	then you
purchased your home after August 1, 2015,	need to register for the STAR credit.

and *click on* the link: REGISTER to apply for your benefit.

You may also call **518-457-2036** to register, or for any questions.

Thank you.