

The 2013-14 State Budget includes a proposal that would require all Basic STAR recipients to register with the State Tax Department in order to receive or continue receiving STAR. This is part of Governor Cuomo's initiative to protect New York taxpayers against the costs of inappropriate or fraudulent exemptions.

While the Legislature has not yet passed the State Budget, we understand taxpayers are inquiring about the program. The STAR Registration telephone line for taxpayers is available to answer questions not covered in this notice. **(518) 457-2036**

General information regarding the proposal is below; we will provide additional details after the budget is enacted:

- The new registration would apply only to Basic STAR recipients - Enhanced STAR recipients will not be impacted
- All recipients of Basic STAR, including taxpayers already receiving the exemption, would need to register with the Tax Department
- **The program would apply to 2014 STAR exemptions** - taxpayers would not need to take any action now
- Existing Basic STAR recipients would be notified directly by the Department when it is time to re-register