

STAR Registration Program

Overview

- New legislation requires all homeowners receiving the Basic STAR exemption to register with the Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and beyond
- Program applies to more than 2.6 million Basic STAR recipients
- Senior citizens receiving Enhanced STAR exemption are not impacted by this legislation
- All property owner questions should be directed to DTF at (518) 457-2036

Purpose

Successful implementation will

- Ensure that benefits provided by the STAR program (\$2.6 billion annually) go only to qualified homeowners
- Eliminate intentional fraud and unintentional duplicate exemptions

Process

- DTF collects 2013 assessment rolls from all cities and towns
- A unique STAR code is assigned to every property with a Basic STAR exemption
- Beginning mid-August, property owners are mailed letters including:
 - " STAR code
 - " How to register
- Property owners register on DTF Web site
 - " Also can call (518) 457-2036 for help

Online Registration

- Online registration available through DTF Web site www.tax.ny.gov
- Starts with STAR Overview homepage with description of what is needed to complete registration
- Property owner enters STAR code
- Web site displays property address for confirmation

Online Registration

- Property owner enters all owners and spouses names and social security numbers
- For each owner and spouse, answer the following:
 - " Is the property their primary residence?
 - Does individual own any other property receiving a residency-based benefit in another state (e.g., Florida homestead exemption)?
 - If yes, user will be asked to provide an address for such property

Online Registration

- User confirms that the total combined 2012 federal adjusted gross income (less taxable amount of total IRA distributions) of all resident owners and their spouses is not more than \$500,000
- User provides contact information
- User certifies that the information is accurate and receives confirmation number



STAR Registration Schedule

August 19 -October 4

Send notices in batches by region to all Basic STAR recipients

December 1

Send reminder notices to property owners that have not registered

December 31

Deadline for STAR registration

March 1

Final notification to assessors of Basic STAR removals

Appeals Process

- Property owners who are denied an exemption will receive notice to appeal directly to DTF
- If they are not satisfied with the DTF decision, they can appeal to State Board of RPT
- There is no appeal to the local Board of Assessment Review

STAR Code Lookup

- Property owners can look-up their STAR code on DTF Web site
- Beneficial for:
 - Those who cand find their STAR registration letter
 - Registering at a remote location (State Fair, school board meeting, etc.)

Communication

- Communication to 2.6 million Basic STAR recipients and media is critical
- Public relations program will be targeted along with mailing schedule
- DTF will be sending out press releases, posters and palmcards, leveraging social media and attending statewide and local events

New STAR Applicants for 2014

- Homeowners submit a paper application to assessor
- ORPTS collects assessment roll data in July 2014 and identifies new Basic STAR recipients
- ORPTS notifies new Basic STAR recipients that they need to register with DTF

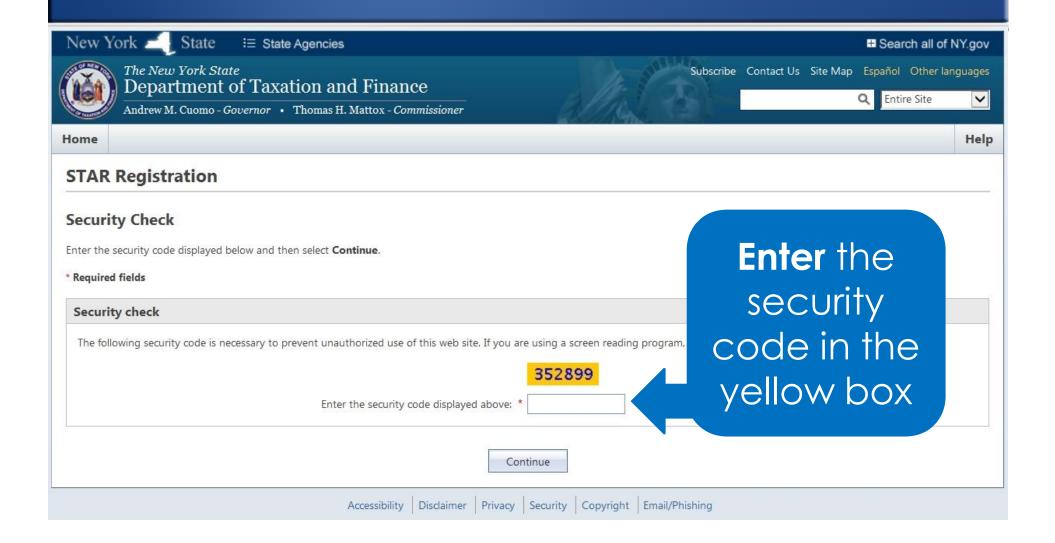
For More Information

Visit www.tax.ny.gov

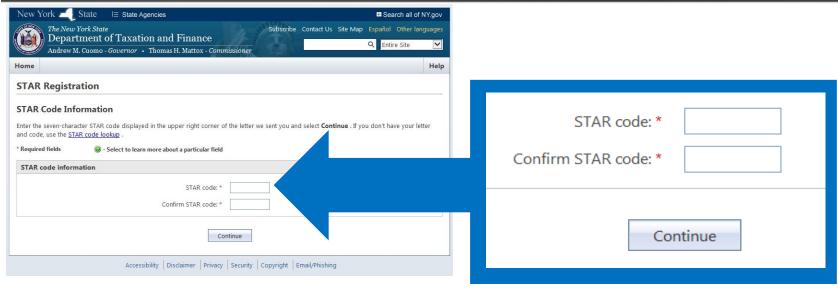
Call (518) 457-2036

Email ORPTS.STAR@tax.ny.gov

Security Code



STAR Code & Property Address



STAR Registration

Verify Property Address

Enter your STAR Code and Verify your property address

ect **Continue** to complete your information. If this is not your correct address, select **Back** to reenter your STAR code. for assistance.

STAR code: RC8X467

Property address: 525 COLLINS ST

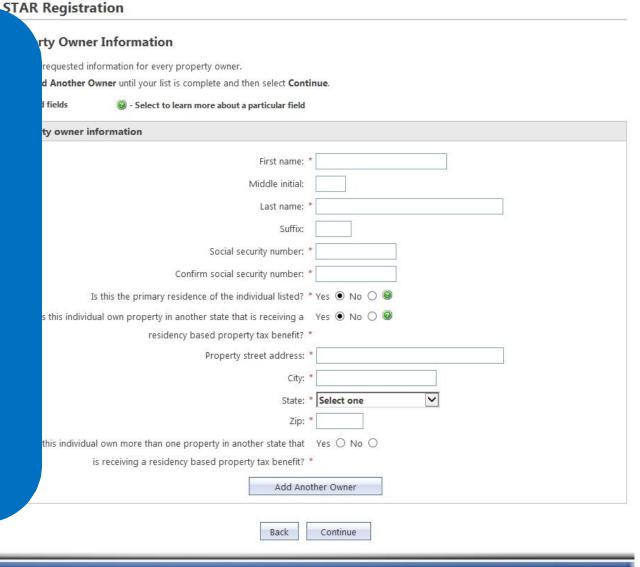
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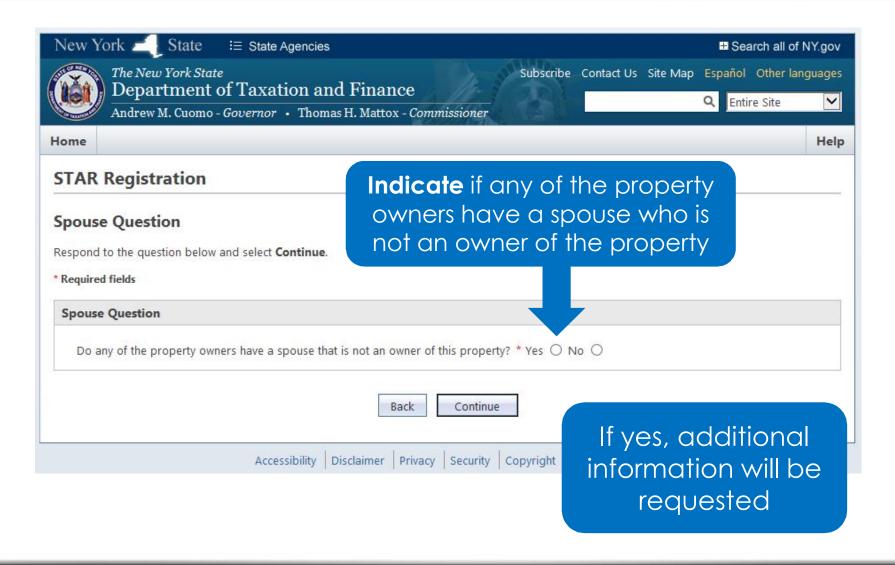
Owner Information

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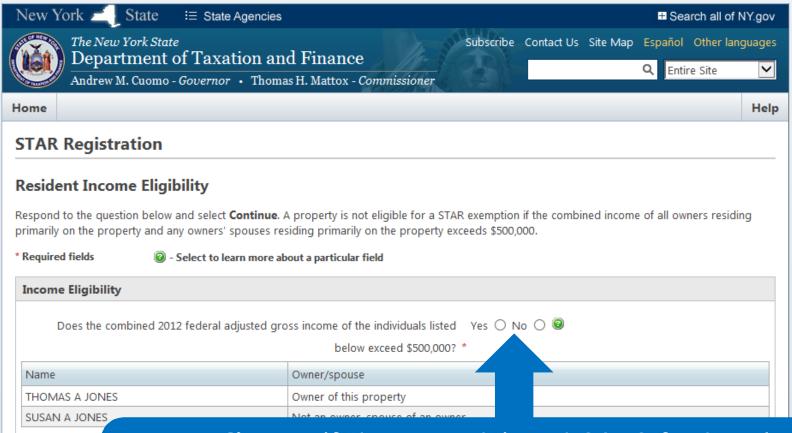
- " Name
- Social Security
 Number
- Confirm PrimaryResidence
- Indicate property owned in another state receiving residency based property tax benefits



Spouse Information

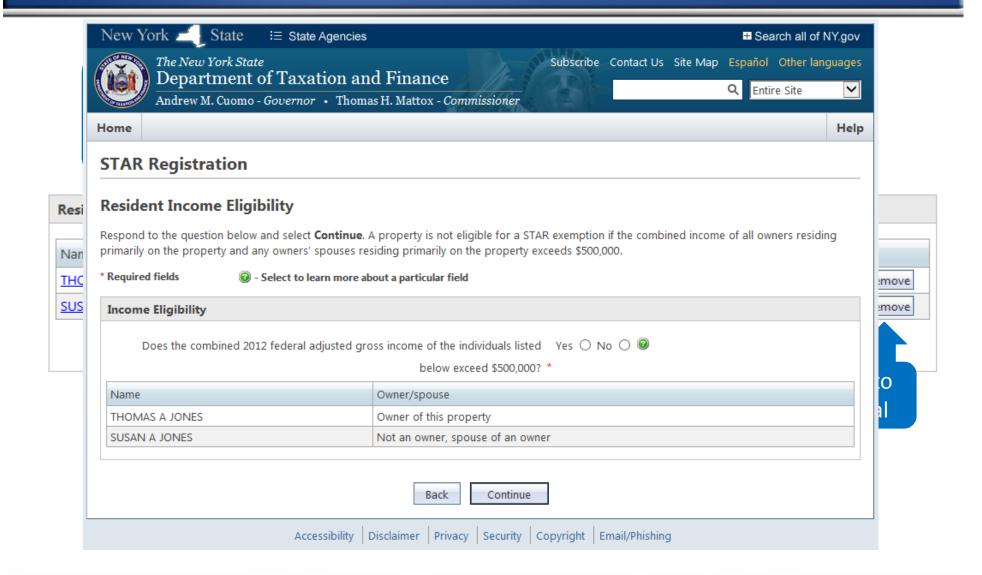


Income Eligibility

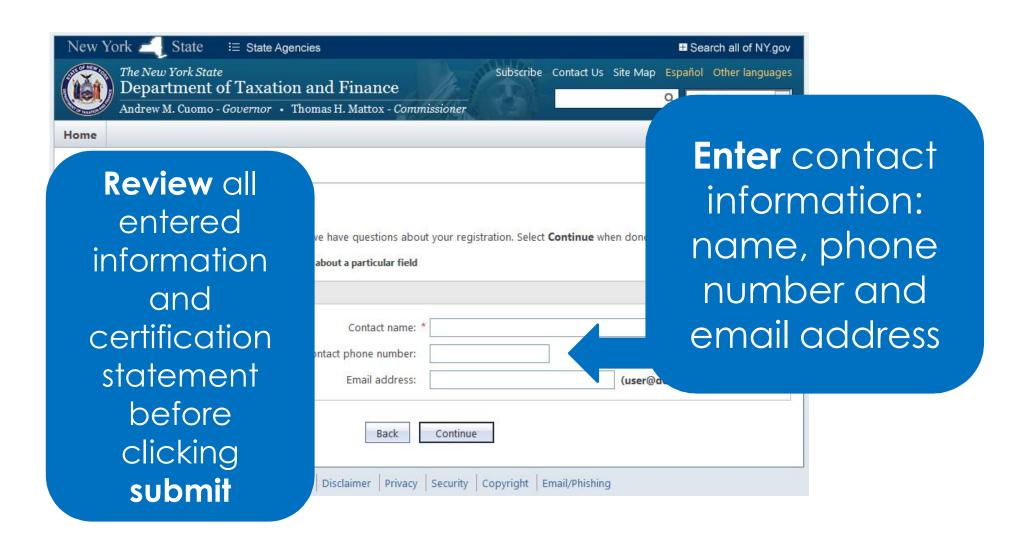


Indicate if the combined 2012 federal adjusted gross income of the individuals listed exceeds \$500,000

Review



Contact Information



Certification

Review all entered information and certification statement before clicking submit

Resident income eligibility Does the combined 2012 federal adjusted gross income of the No individuals listed below exceed \$500,000: Edit ntact Information Contact name: THOMAS SMITH Contact phone number: 518-123-4567 Email address: TSMITH@GMAIL.COM Edit rtification selecting Submit, I understand and agree that I am registering with the Tax Department for the real property tax exemption available under the hool Tax Relief (STAR) Program. I understand that the information provided herein will be used to verify income and confirm the eligibility of this operty for a STAR exemption. I certify that all information provided herein is true, correct and complete. I further understand that making a false stement is a crime punishable under the Penal Law. Submit

Confirmation Number & Print

