

March 1 is Deadline for 2023 Property Tax Exemptions and Renewals

If you are renewing any property tax exemptions or applying for a new one you must apply by March 1.

Basic STAR

STAR is the New York State School Tax Relief program that provides an exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. All new applicants must apply through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. To register, call 518 457-2036 or go to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance website. (Link below.)

Enhanced STAR

If you are already a recipient of the Enhanced STAR, for those 65 and older with qualifying income, you do not have to file a renewal application so long as New York State Taxation and Finance can continue to verify your income eligibility. If you have the Basic STAR, once you turn 65 you may want to check with the office of the town assessor as to your eligibility to receive the Enhanced STAR.

Low Income Senior

This exemption must be renewed annually. Renewal notices were mailed the end of December. To qualify you must be 65 years of age or older and reside in your own home but the income limit is much stricter than for Enhanced Star. For this exemption, your 2021 gross income from all sources, including Social Security, pensions, interest, etc. must be below \$37,400.

Low Income Disability

This exemption must be renewed annually. Requirements are the same as the Low Income Senior except that you need not be 65; however, you must have a qualifying disability. An award letter from Social Security certifying eligibility for either SSDI or SSI or the Railroad Retirement Board certifying Railroad Retirement Disability benefits or the US Department of Veterans Affairs certifying a Veterans Disability pension or a certificate from the state commission for the blind and visually handicapped stating the property owner is legally blind, must be submitted.

Alternative Veteran's Exemption

New York State (NYS) Real Property Tax Law section 458-a provides a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States, provided the property meets the requirements set forth in the law. NYS Real Property Tax Law provides an exemption of taxation for qualified residential real property owned by veterans of defined periods of war, veterans who received expeditionary medals, or certain members of their family based on a percentage of assessed value.

All other exemptions, such as forest or agriculture, whether new or renewed, must also be applied for prior to March 1.

NYS website: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/seniorexempt.htm>

Or call your local assessor for more information:

Town Assessor: Lynn Hotaling

Phone #: (518)329-1234 ext. 4

Email: Assessor@townofcopake.org