

## SENIOR CITIZEN HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION

2020-21 INITIAL APPLICATION

## Who can apply

You may qualify for SCHE if the total combined annual income of the property's owners and their spouses is \$58,399 or less and every owner is 65 or older. (If the owners are spouses or siblings, only one must be 65 or older.) With some exceptions, the property must be the primary residence of all owners.

Deadline: March 16, 2020

How to get help: Visit www.nyc.gov/contactpropexemptions or call 311.

How to apply				
Submit all of the following (see page 3, section 6, for more information):				
<ul><li>☐ A completed application</li><li>☐ Proof of age</li><li>☐ Proof of income</li></ul>				
Submit the additional documents listed on page 3, section 6, if any of the following statements are true:				
The property is owned by a trust.  You received the property through a will.  There is a life estate on the property.  An owner listed on the deed is deceased.  An owner listed on the deed owns additional properties.  An owner is living full-time at a residential healthcare facility.  You have unreimbursed medical bills.  Mail your application and documents to:  New York City Department of Finance, Homeowner Tax Benefits, P.O. Box 311, Maplewood, NJ 07040-0311				
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Section 1: Property Information				
BOROUGH:	BLOCK:	LOT:		
STREET ADDRESS:		APT #:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:		
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PROPERTY ADDRESS):				
Type of Property:  Condominium Cooperative 1 - to 3 - family house 4 + family house or other  If your home has four or more units, enter the % of the space that is used as your primary residence:%				
Is any portion of your property used for commercial purposes?				
Have you owned this property for at least 12 consecutive months? ☐ Yes ☐ I	No Is the property ow	vned by a trust?		
Did you receive this property through a will? Yes I	No Is there a life estat	te on the property?		
Does a child (including tenants) reside on the property and attend public school in grades pre-K to 12? Yes No				

Section 2: Owner Information					
OWNER 1 NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:		SOCIAL SECURITY* OF	R ITIN #:	
PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:		1		
OWNER 2 NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:		SOCIAL SECURITY* OF	R ITIN #:	
PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL ADDRESS:		J.		
Check the boxes below if:					
This property is your primary residen	ice.	Owner 1	Owner 2		
You are married to another owner of	f the property.		Owner 2		
You are the sibling of another owner	wner of the property.  Owner 1 O		Owner 2		
You own additional properties.		Owner 1	Owner 2	Owner 2	
☐ Check this box if there are more than two owners. Attach the information requested in this section for all owners.					
Check this box if a relative or guardian is responsible for the owner's affairs. Attach the information requested in this section for the relative or guardian.					
Section 3: Income					
Estimate the total combined annual income of all owners and their spouses for the year prior to your filing of this application. You can use data from your federal or state tax return, or add the income from the sources described in section 5.					
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Section 4: Certification (All owne					
I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.  I certify that I am not receiving a property tax exemption at any other property that I own, including properties outside of New York City.					
I understand that this information is subject to audit and that if the Department of Finance determines that I have made false statements, I may lose my future benefits and be responsible for all applicable charges and penalties. I understand that I am required to notify the Department of Finance of any changes that might affect my eligibility for this benefit. I understand that my income is subject to verification by the Department of Finance.					
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Section 5: Required Documents				
Proof of Age Provide a copy of one of the following for each owner.	Birth certificate, passport, driver's license, government-issued photo identification card, or other federal, state, or local document displaying date of birth.			
Proof of Income  Provide a copy of the following for all owners and their spouses for the calendar year immediately preceding the date you are filing this application.	<ul> <li>Federal or state income tax returns with all schedules and 1099s.</li> <li>Or, for owners or spouses who did not file a federal or state tax return, submit copies of all sources of income, including those listed below.</li> <li>Wages.</li> <li>SSDI payments.</li> <li>Business income.</li> <li>Workers' compensation.</li> <li>Social Security benefits.</li> <li>IRA Earnings.</li> <li>Rental income.</li> <li>Rental income.</li> <li>Interest.</li> </ul>			

Section 6: Additional Documents (Submit all that apply.)			
If the property is held in trust:	Submit a copy of the entire trust agreement.		
If the property was willed to the owner:	Submit a copy of the last will and testament or the probate or court order.		
If an owner listed on the deed is deceased:	Submit a copy of the death certificate.		
If an owner is living full-time at a residential healthcare facility:	Submit an official letter from the facility which includes the cost of care for the income year provided.		
If an owner listed on the deed is living elsewhere:	Submit complete legal documentation of divorce, separation, or abandoment.		
If an owner owns additional properties (in NY or elsewhere):	Provide the following information for each property: address, borough-block-lot number, and any tax exemptions the property receives.		
If you have unreimbursed medical bills, these may reduce your income and help you qualify:	Provide receipts of your paid, unreimbursed medical bills from the year for which you are submitting income documentation. Or, submit a copy of your schedule A.		

<sup>\*</sup>You must provide your Social Security or ITIN number to apply for this property tax exemption. We are asking for this information to make sure that our records are accurate, and that you have submitted accurate information. Our right to require this information is described in Section 11-102.1 of the Administrative Code.

If due to a disability you need an accommodation in order to apply for and receive a service or participate in a program offered by the Department of Finance, please contact the Disability Service Facilitator at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/contactdofeeo">www.nyc.gov/contactdofeeo</a> or by calling 311.