



DID YOU LOSE YOUR SENIOR OR DISABLED HOMEOWNER TAX BENEFIT? NOW WHAT?

- 1. RENEW:** If you did not respond to the Department of Finance (DOF) mailings to renew your Senior Citizen Homeowner Exemption or Disabled Homeowner Exemption (SCHE/DHE), you should still send in your renewal application. Download the form at nyc.gov/finance under "Property Owner Benefit Forms", call 311 and ask them to mail one to you, or stop by any of the DOF Business Centers and ask for a renewal application. If you qualify, your exemption will apply to this entire tax year (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018).
- 2. I DIDN'T RENEW BECAUSE MY INCOME IS TOO HIGH:** If your income is \$58,400 or less, you should still send in your renewal application. We are working on legislation with your state elected officials to increase the maximum income to qualify for the program up to \$58,400. Once we have your application on file, we can contact you if this bill passes and goes into effect. The bill already passed the NY State Senate. Call your Assembly Member and tell them to support S4628/A7463. Don't know your Assembly Member? Visit <http://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/> or call 311.
- 3. IF YOU WERE DENIED BECAUSE YOUR INCOME IS TOO HIGH:** If you sent us a renewal application but lost your benefit because your income is too high, you may qualify in the future. We are working on legislation with your state elected officials to increase the maximum income to qualify for the program up to \$58,400. We will contact you if this bill passes and goes into effect. The bill already passed the NY State Senate. Call your Assembly Member and tell them to support S4628/A7463. Don't know your Assembly Member? Visit <http://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/> or call 311.
- 4. I NEED MORE TIME TO PAY MY HIGHER PROPERTY TAX BILL:** Visit any DOF Business Center and ask for a one-year payment plan that allows you to pay the same amount on your first bill of this year as you paid for each quarter last year. This way you can spread the higher payments out over the rest of this tax year. By law, all properties must pay interest on taxes that are paid after their due date, even if you have a payment plan. For most properties, the interest rate is 6%.

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 nyc.gov/contactdofeeo or by calling 311.