Save on rent

Take advantage

of the

SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Courtesy of Assemblywoman

Margaret Markey

Seniors can save on their rent

SCRIE

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Dear Friend,

The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program provides rent relief for seniors by freezing their rent and exempting them from future increases.

This year, the Assembly made it a top priority to expand eligibility for the SCRIE program so more seniors can afford to stay in their homes. **As of July 1, 2014, the income threshold for the program increased from $29,000 to $50,000.**

For more information about SCRIE, visit nyc.gov/SCRIE, call 311 or visit the SCRIE walk-in office located at 66 John St. in Manhattan. As always, if you have questions about this or any other community issue, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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"This year, we took a huge step forward to help more seniors afford to stay in their homes."

***–Assemblywoman* Margaret Markey**

What is SCRIE?

The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program offers qualifying seniors an exemption from rent increases as long as they are in the program. After your rent is frozen, the City of New York will give your landlord a property tax credit equal to the amount of future rent increases.

Am I eligible?

As of July 1, 2014, the household income to qualify for SCRIE increased from $29,000 to $50,000. To qualify, you must:

- Be at least 62 years old
- Rent an apartment that is rent stabilized, rent controlled, Mitchell-Lama or in a building participating in an affordable housing program
- Have a combined household income of $50,000 or less
- Rent an apartment that costs more than 1/3 of your monthly household income
- Use this apartment as your primary residence
- Be named on the lease or the rent order or have been granted succession rights to the apartment.

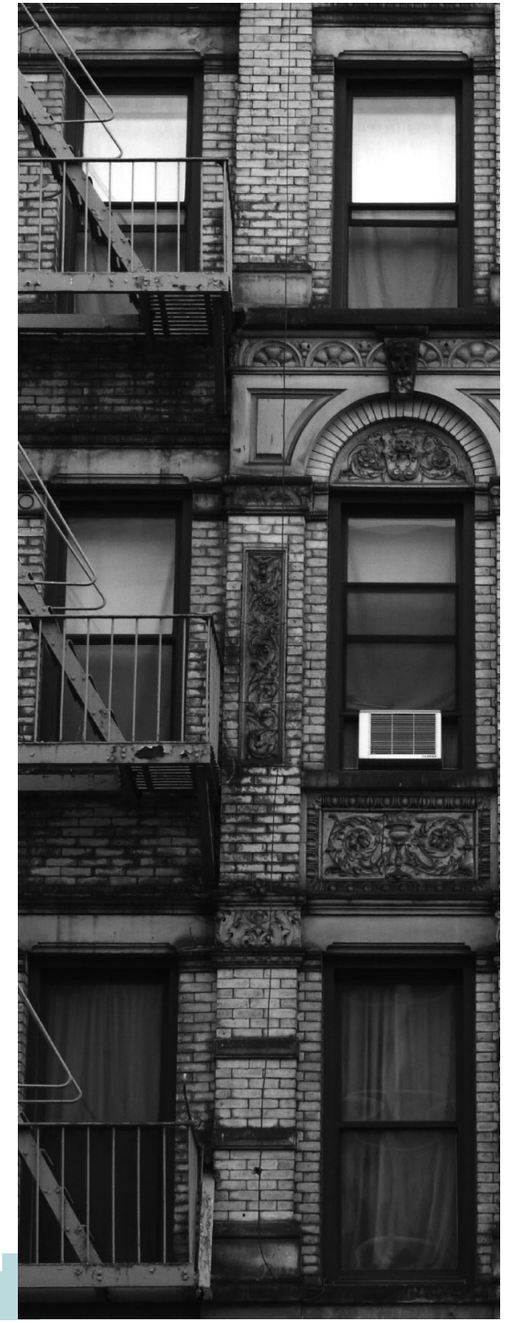
If you have any questions about whether you qualify, call 311 or visit the SCRIE Walk-In Center.

How do I apply?

Here are simple ways you can apply:

- Visit the city Finance Department's website (nyc.gov/SCRIE) to download an application
- Call 311 and request an application be sent to your home
- Visit the SCRIE Walk-In Center at 66 John St., 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10038, open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- For Mitchell-Lama residents, call 212-863-8494

What if I am already a SCRIE recipient?

This increase does not affect you. Simply reapply as normal by your SCRIE benefit expiration date. A renewal application will also be sent to your home 60 days before your SCRIE benefit expires so that you can reapply. Renewal forms can also be found online (nyc.gov/SCRIE) or sent to your home by calling 311 and requesting a new form.

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