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NYC Rent Freeze Program (SCRIE/DRIE)

Disabled and elderly patients living on a limited income may be eligible to receive a rent freeze under the NYC SCRIE and DRIE programs

What are SCRIE and DRIE?

- The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) programs, together known as the NYC Rent Freeze Program, helps eligible senior citizens and tenants with qualifying disabilities stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent.
- Under this program, a property tax credit covers the difference between the actual rent amount and what the tenant is responsible for paying at the frozen rate.

Who is eligible?

- A patient may be eligible if they meet the following qualifications:
 - A combined household income for all members of the household that is \$50,000 or less;
 - More than one-third of monthly household income is spent on rent; and
 - For SCRIE, the patient must also meet the following qualifications:
 - Be at least 62 years old;
 - Be the primary tenant on the lease/rent order or have been granted succession rights in a rent controlled, rent stabilized, or a rent regulated hotel apartment.
 - For DRIE, the patient must also meet the following qualifications:
 - Be at least 18 years old;
 - Named on the lease/rent order or have been granted succession rights in a rent controlled, rent stabilized, or rent regulated hotel apartment or an apartment located in a building where the mortgage was federally insured under section 213 of the National Housing Act, owned by a Mitchell-Lama development, Limited Dividend housing company, Redevelopment Company or Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) incorporated under New York State's Private Housing Finance Law;
 - Awarded SSI, SSDI, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs disability pension or compensation, or disability-related Medicaid.

How do I apply for a NYC Rent Freeze Program?

- Patients who are eligible must submit an initial application along with proof of age, proof of income, and rent documentation to the NYC Department of Finance
- Initial application as well as renewal and recertification application forms are available for download for both SCRIE and DRIE at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>

Where can I learn more about the NYC Rent Freeze Program?

- Online at nyc.gov/rentfreeze
- Call 311 Relay Service: 212-636-9675 and ask for DRIE
- In-Person at the SCRIE/DRIE Center
 - Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 66 John Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10038

More questions? Refer patients for an appointment with a LegalHealth attorney

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