

1. WHAT IS DRIE?

DRIE is the Disability Rent Increase Exemption. If you are eligible, your rent is frozen so that you do not have to pay most rent increases. To learn more about the program, read the SCRIE/DRIE Guide on our website at nyc.gov/drie or contact 311 so that we can mail you a copy.

2. WHAT IS THE NEW INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR DRIE?

Starting on July 1, 2014, the income threshold increased to \$50,000 per household. There will no longer be a different income requirement for a one-person household vs. a two+ person household.

3. CAN I APPLY TODAY?

Yes, the income threshold increase started July 1, 2014.

4. IF MY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS \$50,000 OR LESS, WILL I DEFINITELY GET DRIE?

No. There are other requirements. Your rent must be more than one-third (1/3) of your household income, you must be 18 years old or older, be the tenant of record and have a Qualifying Federal Disability. There are other requirements as well. Please read our SCRIE/DRIE Guide for all of the program requirements at nyc.gov/drie or contact 311 so that we can mail you a copy.

5. MY INCOME IS \$50,000 OR LESS AND I TURN 18 ON JUNE 30, 2014, CAN I APPLY TO DRIE?

You can apply any time after your 18th birthday. You must be 18 or older to qualify for DRIE.

6. I RECENTLY APPLIED FOR SSI/SSDI BUT HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED YET, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR DRIE?

No, you have to wait to receive a "Notice of Award" before applying for DRIE. If you have not been awarded SSI/SSDI you are not eligible for DRIE.

7. I WAS RECENTLY REVOKED FROM DRIE BECAUSE MY INCOME WAS OVER THE INCOME LIMIT. NOW THAT THE INCOME AMOUNT HAS GONE UP TO \$50,000 WILL MY DRIE BE REINSTATED?

Yes, for some DRIE tenants. We will be contacting tenants whose leases ended after January 2, 2014 for reinstatement.

8. I WAS RECENTLY REVOKED FROM DRIE BECAUSE MY INCOME EXCEEDS THE INCOME LIMIT. CAN I APPEAL THAT DECISION?

Yes. You have the right to appeal any DRIE decision.

9. WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT MY RENT HAS TO BE MORE THAN 1/3 OF MY INCOME?

Below is a chart that shows examples of Annual Household Income, Monthly Household Income and the minimum amount the rent must be to qualify for DRIE.

*Annual Household Income	*Monthly Household Income	**Current monthly rent must be greater than
\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$416.67
\$20,000.00	\$1,666.67	\$555.56
\$25,000.00	\$2,083.33	\$694.44
\$30,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$833.33
\$35,000.00	\$2,916.67	\$972.22
\$40,000.00	\$3,333.33	\$1,111.11
\$50,000.00	\$4,166.67	\$1,388.89

*Income is DRIE calculated income, not to be confused with Adjusted Gross Income

**Current rent is defined as the new rent after all lawful rent increases for any lease term