



ANSWERS TO THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCRIE INCOME INCREASE

1. WHAT IS SCRIE?

SCRIE is the Senior Citizen 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/scrie or contact 311 so that we can mail you a copy.

2. WHAT IS THE NEW INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR SCRIE?

Starting on July 1, 2014, the income threshold will increase from \$29,000 to \$50,000 per household.

3. CAN I APPLY TODAY?

The income threshold increase starts July 1, 2014. If you apply before July 1, 2014, your household income must be \$29,000 or less. If you apply on or after July 1, 2014 your household income must be \$50,000 or less.

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

No. There are other requirements. Your rent must be more than one-third (1/3) of your household income, you must be 62 years old or older, and be the tenant of record. There are other requirements as well. Please read our SCRIE/DRIE Guide for all of the program requirements at nyc.gov/scrie, or contact 311 so that we can mail you a copy.

5. MY INCOME IS BELOW \$50,000 AND I TURN 62 ON JUNE 30, 2014. CAN I APPLY TO SCRIE?

You can apply any time after your 62nd birthday. You must be 62 or older to qualify for SCRIE.

6. I WAS RECENTLY REVOKED FROM SCRIE BECAUSE MY INCOME WAS OVER \$29,000. NOW THAT THE INCOME AMOUNT HAS GONE UP TO \$50,000 WILL MY SCRIE BE REIN- STATED?

No. The household income increase starts on July 1, 2014. You must reapply as a new applicant and if approved you will have a new frozen rent.

7. I WAS RECENTLY REVOKED FROM SCRIE BECAUSE MY INCOME WAS OVER \$29,000 BUT MY LEASE HAS NOT EXPIRED YET. NOW THAT THE INCOME AMOUNT HAS GONE UP TO \$50,000 WILL MY SCRIE BE REINSTATED?

No. The \$50,000 income threshold starts July 1, 2014. Your revocation stands. You can reapply as a new applicant on or after July 1, 2014 and if approved you will have a new frozen rent

8. I WAS RECENTLY REVOKED FROM SCRIE BECAUSE MY INCOME WAS MORE THAN 29,000. CAN I APPEAL THAT DECISION?

Yes. You have the right to appeal any SCRIE decision. Keep in mind that if we received your renewal before July 1, 2014, you are subject to the \$29,000 income threshold.

9. MY DRIE WAS REVOKED BECAUSE MY HOUSEHOLD INCOME WAS OVER \$29,000. CAN I TRANSFER MY BENEFIT TO SCRIE?

No. You must apply for SCRIE as a new applicant after July 1, 2014.

10. 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 SCRIE.

*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 SCRIE 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