

Guide to the NYC Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption ("SCRIE") Program and NYC Disability Rent Increase Exemption ("DRIE")

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1. Overview of the Rent Freeze Program

The New York City Rent Freeze Program was created pursuant to State enabling legislation with the purpose of ameliorating the adverse impact of ever-increasing rent obligations upon low-income senior citizens and disabled New Yorkers. There are two programs — Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption ("SCRIE") and Disability Rent Increase Exemption ("DRIE"). An eligible SCRIE or DRIE program participant's rent payment is "frozen" prospectively and subsequent legal rent increases are "paid" to the landlord in the form of a dollar-for-dollar real-property tax abatement credit. Eligibility for the SCRIE or DRIE Program hinges on there being a head of household who:

- 1. is aged 62 or over for SCRIE;
- 2. receives one of the following Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Veteran's Benefits, disability-related Medicaid or other disability benefits for DRIE;
- 3. lives in a rent-regulated apartment;
- 4. has a household income of no more than \$50,000/year for the previous year; and
- 5. has a monthly rent payment of more than one-third of monthly household income.

The SCRIE and DRIE benefits are an entitlement: applicants who are found eligible are entitled to receive the benefit. There is no waiting list and landlords

cannot opt out. Landlords receive a dollar-for-dollar real-property tax exemption to cover any rent increases, which tenants in the SCRIE and DRIE Program are exempt from paying.

The Program covers tenants residing in:

- Rent Controlled apartments;
- Rent Stabilized apartments;
- Rental or co-op apartments subject to the NYS Private Housing Finance Law ("PHFL") (including current and former "Mitchell-Lama" developments) or Section 213 of the National Housing Act; and
- Rent Stabilized hotel rooms.

The Program for Rent Controlled and Rent Stabilized tenants is run by the NYC Department of Finance ("DOF") (59 Maiden Lane, 22nd floor, New York, New York 10038), while the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") (100 Gold Street, Room 7M-3, New York, New York 10038) administers SCRIE for tenants of PHFL units.

2. General Eligibility Requirements

- Head of household is **62 years of age** or older for **SCRIE**. Head of household is **disabled** for **DRIE**.
- Apartment is **regulated** under the laws of Rent Control, Rent Stabilization, Private Housing Finance Law Article II, IV, V or XI or National Housing Act § 213.
- **Rent** is more than **one-third** of income.
- Total **income** of all household members for the tax year preceding the application is no more than \$50,000 per year.
 - Income is defined broadly, with the following limited deductions: Federal, State and City income taxes and Social Security taxes.
 - However, income does <u>not</u> include cash gifts, inheritances, Nazi victim reparations, energy assistance payments, income tax refunds, IRA & annuity distributions (withdrawals), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or personal injury awards.

- There are no income deductions for health insurance/Medicare premiums, medical expenses or capital or business losses.
- An individual living in the apartment who is a Roomer, Boarder, or Subtenant – that is, paying a flat fee for room and board – is not part of the household. Therefore, that individual's income is not included in total household income. However, any rent or fee paid by a roomer, boarder, or subtenant to the tenant is considered income to the tenant and must be reported.

3. Application Issues

The **Department of Finance** accepts SCRIE and DRIE by mail and on-line. Application can be found https://doi.org/10.1007/journal.org/<a>

The HPD SCRIE application form can be mailed or emailed to scrie@hpd.nyc.gov. Applications can be found here.

In addition to the application, tenants will need to provide supporting documentation including ID, current and previous leases (signed by both the landlord and the tenant) or current and previous Maximum Collectible Rent Form, and proof of the previous year's income (e.g., tax return end-of-year statement, etc.). Copies of all documents submitted should be made and kept by the senior and the advocate (if any). **Never** send your original documents, just copies.

Applications once processed are effective the first day of the month following the month when received. Delaying the submission of an application could result in the benefit not starting until a later month.

All household members and their income should be listed. If someone lives in the apartment as a bona fide "roomer", "boarder" or "subtenant" and not as a household member, the applicant does not list that person as a member of the household and does not have to count that person's income towards household income. Instead, the applicant lists that individual's payment as income to the applicant. *CAUTIONARY NOTE:* Roomers, boarders or subtenants may *not* take over the SCRIE upon the death or departure of the tenant.

Note that a family member living in the apartment of a SCRIE or DRIE applicant is considered part of the household even if that family member does not contribute any money toward the rent. Therefore, for example, if a tenant receives total annual income of just \$12,000 but lives with her daughter, who receives annual income of \$50,000, the daughter's total income will be counted as part of the household income, even if she contributes nothing toward the rent. The senior in this scenario would therefore be deemed ineligible for the SCRIE benefit because the total household income exceeds \$50,000.

A further note about roomers, boarders and subtenants: Rent Stabilized tenants are barred from charging a roommate or boarder more than a **pro rata** share of the rent. For example, if the SCRIE applicants are an elderly married couple who have a boarder living in their extra bedroom, they cannot charge that boarder rent at a rate of more than one-third of the rent (one-third because there are three people living in the apartment). If they charge more than the pro rata share, the boarder may be able to sue them for a rent overcharge.

The application asks for last year's income; however, if the applicant retired between the commencement of the last year and the date of filing the application, the income reported should be adjusted to exclude employment earnings and to project expected annual retirement income.

4. The Amount of the Benefit

Under **Rent Control**, the statute specifies that a landlord cannot collect from a Program tenant more than the greater of either: (a) one-third of income; or (b) the maximum collectible **rent in effect on December 31** of the year preceding the effective date of the initial SCRIE order. If the applicant submits a SCRIE application within 90 days of the date the DHCR issues an MBR/MCR/FCA Order, the exemption begins on the Order's effective date.

Under **Rent Stabilization**, the statute specifies that a landlord cannot collect from a Program tenant more than the greater of either (a) one-third of income; or (b) the rent in effect "immediately preceding the tenant's eligibility date." The "eligibility date" is the date of commencement of the lease in effect at the time of application. Therefore, the rent should be frozen at the amount in the lease in effect **prior to** the lease in effect at the time of application.

5. Effective Date

The "effective date" is the date on which the benefit begins. SCRIE applications are effective as of the first day of the first month following the month in which the application is received. See NYC Admin. Code § 26-405(m)(5) (Rent Control) and §26-509(b)(5) (Rent Stabilization).

There are exceptions: where the SCRIE application is based upon a rent increase arising from an Order issued by the DHCR for:

- 1. an MBR/MCR/FCA (Rent Control); or
- 2. an MCI ("major capital improvement"); or
- 3. certain other less common situations

as long as the SCRIE application is filed within 90 days of such Order, the SCRIE Program will cover the increase retroactive to the effective date of such Order.

General advocacy tip: Get applications in before the end of the month!

6. Portability

"SCRIE Portability" offers tenants in the SCRIE program a **limited** opportunity to transfer SCRIE benefits to a new apartment that is rent stabilized, rent controlled or a rent regulated room or hotel.

The dollar benefit that is "portable" (i.e., transferable to a new apartment) is **the lowest** of three options:

- 1. amount by which the new apartment's rent exceeds the tenant's "frozen" share of the rent in the old apartment;
- 2. amount of the SCRIE in the old apartment; or
- 3. amount by which the new apartment's rent exceeds 1/3 of income.

All three options must be calculated; the lowest dollar figure can then be transferred to the new apartment.

The information that the tenant must provide to calculate the three options consists of:

- a) rent for the new apartment;
- b) rent for the old apartment;
- c) tenant's "frozen" share of the rent in old apartment;
- d) current SCRIE benefit level in old apartment; and
- e) current income.

Because the transferable benefit is **the** *lowest* **of the three options**, portability is not financially feasible for many individuals.

Consider this example:

- a) Rent for new apartment = \$1500/month;
- b) Lease rent for old apartment = \$900/month;
- c) "Frozen" SCRIE share of the rent for old apartment = \$600/month;
- d) Tenant's current SCRIE benefit in old apartment = \$300/month;
- e) Current income = \$900/month.

<u>OPTION 1</u> = \$1500 - \$600 = \$900 (amount by which new rent exceeds frozen rent in old apartment)

<u>OPTION 2</u> = \$300 (current SCRIE benefit)

<u>OPTION 3</u> = \$1200 (1/3 income = \$300; new rent of \$1500 exceeds 1/3 income by \$1200)

In this example, option 2 produces the **lowest** dollar figure. This means that **the portable SCRIE benefit is \$300**; with a new rent of \$1500, the tenant's portion will be frozen at \$1200, and the SCRIE will be \$300, plus future increases. For this tenant with a frozen rent of \$600 in her old apartment, the move is not economically feasible, as she would have to pay a monthly rent of \$1200, which is \$300 more than her income.

If the tenant's new rent is lower than the existing frozen rent, the tenant should consider a new initial application.

DOF's form for effectuating "portability" is called the "Apartment Benefit Transfer Application." That application can be found here.

7. Redetermination of Tenant Share due to Decrease in Income

Where there has been more than 12 months since start of the SCRIE benefit and a **permanent decrease** in household income of 20% or more (generally due to the death/departure of a spouse or other family member), the SCRIE holder is entitled upon request to a **redetermination**. The redetermination will result in an increase in the amount of the SCRIE benefit to maintain the tenant's rent payment at the same rent-to-income ratio as was represented in the last approved SCRIE application or recertification form, before the loss of household income. See Admin. Code § 26-405(m)(9) (rent control); Admin. Code § 26-509(b)(9) (rent stabilization).

Consider this example:

- Married couple on SSI has a total household income of \$1,475/month (SSI married couple's rate)
- Rent payment was frozen under SCRIE many years ago at \$737.50/month, which is now ½ of the couple's current monthly income
- One spouse dies, leaving surviving spouse on SSI of \$1,001/month (Living Alone Rate)
- Upon the filing of a request for redetermination, tenant's rent payment is reduced to ½ of the surviving spouse's income: \$505.50)

Redetermination applications can be found <u>here</u>. Redetermination applications should be submitted within six months of the event causing income loss.

Even if a redetermination is not warranted, changes in household composition and other changes (including changes in contact information) should be reported to DOF. The Rent Freeze Program Change form can be found here.

8. Defining "person with a disability" (DRIE)

For a tenant to be eligible for DRIE, the head of household must be "disabled" or otherwise meet the definition of a "person with a disability." The term "person with a disability" has the following meanings:

- For rent controlled and rent stabilized apartments, such term means an individual who is currently receiving SSDI or SSI benefits under the federal social security act, disability pension or disability compensation benefits provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or disability pension or disability compensation benefits provided by the United States Postal Service, or an individual who was previously eligible by virtue of receiving disability benefits under the SSI program or the SSDI program and is currently receiving medical assistance benefits based on a determination of disability as provided in section 366 of the social services law.
- For 467-c apartments: for the benefit period ending June 30, 2022, such term means an individual who is currently receiving SSDI or SSI benefits under the federal social security act, disability pension or disability compensation benefits provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or an individual who was previously eligible by virtue of receiving disability benefits under the SSI program or the SSDI program and is currently receiving medical assistance benefits based upon a determination of disability as provided by section 366 of the social services law. For 467-c apartments for the benefit period commencing June 30, 2022, such term means an individual who is currently receiving SSDI or SSI benefits under the federal social security act, disability pension or disability compensation benefits provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or an individual who was previously eligible by virtue of receiving disability benefits under the SSI program or the SSDI program and is currently receiving medical assistance benefits based upon a determination of disability as provided by section 366 of the social services law and whose income for the current income tax year, together with the income of all members of such individual's household, does not exceed the maximum income at which such individual would be eligible to receive cash supplemental security income benefits under federal law during such tax year.

9. Renewal

SCRIE benefits are good for two years (or for the period of the lease, if less) and then must be renewed. Renewal forms are mailed out by the SCRIE Program to enrollees. **DRIE benefits must be renewed every one or two years, depending upon the benefit end date.**

The DOF mails tenants' renewal forms about 60 days prior to the expiration of the Program benefit. For recipients who have had SCRIE for less than 5 years they require the applicant to list all members of the household and all income received by each member of the household. To renew eligibility, the only documents needed in addition to the Renewal Application are those setting forth the rent increase and, if there are any new household members, proof of their income. The universal renewal application can be found here.

For recipients who have had SCRIE for more than 5 years, they can take advantage of the short form application which only requires that recipients affirm that there has not been an increase in income of more than \$1000 in the past year and requires that the recipient provide information about new household members only. The short form renewal application can be found here. Renewal leases should also be submitted along with the short form application.

Sometimes seniors do not receive the renewal forms and do not know that they must recertify. This can lead to the "lapsed SCRIE" situation described below. The statutes provide for an automatic six-month extension of the SCRIE ("deemed renewal"), provided that the tenant files a renewal application. This gives DOF a six-month grace period to process the renewal application and, if the tenant is found eligible again, the resulting SCRIE order is retroactive to the expiration of the last SCRIE. However, the statute expressly makes a tenant liable to the landlord for the difference between the amount the tenant has paid under an automatically renewed order and the full legal rent in the event the tenant is ultimately found ineligible for the SCRIE renewal.

If the landlord fails to provide a renewal lease, the tenant should complete and submit the applicable DOF "Certification of No Renewal Lease Form" which can be found here.

- The following examples are considered a rent increase¹, although there may be some exceptions:
 - 1) for Rent Stabilized tenants, a 1- or 2-year lease renewal;
 - (2) for Rent Controlled tenants, DHCR Orders for Maximum Base

¹ But see Gentile v. City of New York Department for the Aging/SCRIE, 290 A.D.2d 395, 736 N.Y.S.2d 674 (1st Dep't 2002), in which the court held that a SCRIE applicant who meets the eligibility criteria is entitled to a SCRIE, even where there has been no recent increase in the tenant's legal regulated rent.

Rent/Maximum Collectible Rent (MBR/MCR) increases and Fuel Cost Adjustments ("FCA");

- (3) for Rent Regulated Hotel tenants, a rent demand renewal increase or lease renewal increase;
- (4) for Rent Stabilized, Rent Controlled, and Rent Regulated Hotel tenants, a Major Capital Improvement ("MCI") increase or an increase based upon the owner's economic hardship; or
- (5) for PHFL/NHA §213 tenants, any increase in rent excluding increases attributable to gas or electric utility charges and capital assessments.

Note: Rent increases due to an increase in dwelling space, services or equipment, including installation of new equipment or other individual apartment improvements, are **not** covered by the SCRIE program.

Therefore, for example, if the landlord of a Rent-Stabilized tenant installs a new stove in the tenant's apartment, and the tenant agrees to an Individual Apartment Improvement ("IAI") increase in the rent to cover the cost of the new stove, the SCRIE program will <u>not</u> cover that IAI increase.

Where there is a rent increase based on a DHCR Order that is issued for an increase other than those that are covered by the renewal application – such as, for example, an MCI increase, which can occur at any time, or for a late-issued FCA or MCR increase – an adjustment can be sought.

10. Termination

SCRIE will be terminated when it comes to DOF's attention that the tenant has died or failed to recertify, or, upon recertification, when the tenant no longer meets one or more of the eligibility requirements (for example, if the tenant's income now exceeds the maximum household limit). **DRIE will be terminated if the claimant no longer meets eligibility requirements or fails to renew DRIE.**

Sometimes seniors do not learn that their SCRIE has been terminated until long after the fact. This can lead to the "lapsed SCRIE" situation described below.

11. Lapsed SCRIE/DRIE and Reinstatement

It happens on a regular basis that elderly, often infirm, SCRIE Program

participants fail to recertify, or have their benefits terminated without notice, resulting in a "lapsed" SCRIE. Similarly, disabled tenants may fail to recertify for a variety of reasons both related and unrelated to their disability. The failure to recertify often occurs because the tenant fails to receive (or return) the recertification forms which DOF mails out to SCRIE Program participants when their SCRIE/DRIE benefits are up for renewal.

The problem usually comes to light when DOF audits the landlord's real estate tax account and notifies the landlord that it must repay a sum of money that represents tax abatement credits given to the landlord during a period when the SCRIE program participant is not eligible. The landlord then turns around and sues the tenant for rent arrears in a nonpayment eviction proceeding in Housing Court. In some of these cases, a theory can be developed that, as between the landlord, the tenant and the SCRIE Program, the landlord has the greatest ability and incentive to determine whether a SCRIE is effective before claiming a tax abatement. Arguably, the landlord's failure to ascertain the viability of a tenant's SCRIE before billing the tenant a reduced rent over an extended period warrants placing responsibility for the error on the landlord.

Here are some advocacy tips:

- 1. Upon request, DOF may reinstate a lapsed SCRIE where it can be shown that the tenant was income-eligible at all times for SCRIE benefits and there is **good cause** to reinstate the benefits.
- 2. Where the tenant was not eligible at all relevant times, it is unlikely that the SCRIE will be reinstated, although the tenant may have certain defenses to a landlord's nonpayment eviction proceeding in Housing Court. However, the landlord can bring a separate lawsuit, outside of Housing Court, seeking the unpaid rent monies representing the difference between the full legal rent and the amount paid by the tenant.

11. Reasonable Accommodations

Any tenant who needs more time to submit an application or document, or meet any other SCRIE deadline, due to a disability or physical or mental impairment may be eligible for an extension of time as a reasonable accommodation for such disability. Request for an Extension of Time Due to a

Disability or Physical or Mental Impairment form can be found here. If you need assistance or if you have questions regarding accommodations, you can call 311 and ask for DOF's Disability Service Facilitator, or send them a message at: www.nyc.gov/contactdofeeo

An applicant with a disability may require additional time to submit a complete application. Under certain circumstances, the time to file the following applications, appeals, and other documentation will be extended:

- (1) a renewal application provided in subdivision (c) of this section;
- (2) any other tenant application;
- (3) an appeal relating to SCRIE or DRIE benefits; or
- (4) any documentation requested by the Department pursuant to 19 RCNY § 52-04. The time to file such applications, appeals, and requested documentation may be extended under the following circumstances:
- (i) Upon a showing of good cause, the time to file any application, appeals, and requested documentation will be extended for an additional period of six months. The tenant or their representative must submit sufficient documentary evidence acceptable to the Department demonstrating good cause. Upon approval of the extension of the time to file and of the renewal application, such rent increase exemption order will be renewed retroactive to the date of expiration of the prior rent increase exemption. For purposes of this paragraph, good cause exists when:
- a. the tenant requires hospitalization for a documented illness or medical condition during the six-month period following expiration of the rent increase exemption order, which prevents the tenant from filing a timely renewal application;
- b. the tenant's dwelling unit is damaged by fire or flood or a natural catastrophe during the six-month period following expiration of the rent increase exemption order, which prevents the tenant from filing a timely renewal application;
 - c. the tenant demonstrates other exceptional circumstances; or
 - d. the tenant states that the delay in timely submission is due to COVID.

(ii) Upon a showing of need for more time as a reasonable accommodation for a tenant's disability consistent with the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act (42 U.S.C §§ 12101 et seq.) (ADA) or the New York City Human Rights Law (§§ 8-101 et seq. of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (NYCHRL), the time to file any application, appeals, and requested documentation will be extended for an additional period of time to be determined by the agency, which may exceed six months if the agency determines more time would be a reasonable modification of its procedure necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability. To obtain an extension of time as a reasonable accommodation, the tenant or a representative of the tenant must provide or assist with the provision of medical documentation from an appropriate health care professional showing that the tenant had a disability as defined by the ADA or the NYCHRL, and that because of this disability the tenant needed more time to file an application or appeal. For purposes of this paragraph, appropriate health care professionals include, but are not limited to, doctors (including psychiatrists), psychologists and licensed health professionals. If the tenant cannot secure medical documentation from an appropriate health care professional with reasonable efforts, an extension of time may be granted if other reliable documentation is provided as may be determined by the Department.

12. Benefit-Takeover/Succession Rights

The SCRIE statutes expressly state that a SCRIE order expires upon termination of occupancy of the apartment by the tenant to whom the SCRIE was issued. Nevertheless, DOF (and its predecessor agencies) has a policy of allowing an eligible remaining family member who has succession rights to the apartment to take over a deceased or otherwise departed senior citizen's SCRIE. An eligible remaining family member whose name was never on a prior SCRIE application as a household member will be asked to submit their income information for any prior application years when they were living in the apartment so that SCRIE can check whether the income would still have been eligible if that additional household member had been included.

Remaining household members who are eligible must submit a Benefits Takeover Application which can be found <u>here</u>.

13. SCRIE-to-DRIE/DRIE-to-SCRIE Transfers

A surviving family member who lived with a SCRIE Program participant and is not eligible to take over the SCRIE based on age may be entitled to the parallel benefit under DRIE. Alternatively, a DRIE Program participant who turns 62 is entitled to transfer to the SCRIE Program. In either event, a "SCRIE <-> DRIE Transfer Application" form should be completed and submitted to DOF. The Transfer Application form can be found here.

14. Administrative Appeals

Administrative appeals may be taken from adverse agency decisions. DOF has an appeal form with instructions. The appeal for can be found here. The appeal form must be filed within 120 days of the order being appealed. However, the time to appeal can be extended "for good cause". If an administrative appeal is denied, further review may be sought in a proceeding brought within four months of the unfavorable agency determination in State Supreme Court under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

A tenant is not required to have a lawyer prepare an appeal of a decision regarding their SCRIE or DRIE benefit, but it is advisable to seek the assistance of an advocate when preparing such an appeal. New York City has many offices that provide free legal services to tenants and these offices may offer free assistance in preparing an appeal.

15. Where can tenants obtain help with SCRIE problems?

The DOF now has both a SCRIE and DRIE Ombudsperson, whose job is to help identify and resolve issues with a tenant's application or benefits. Tenants may contact the Ombudsperson's office by mail, by filling out an on-line form, or by calling 311.

A tenant also can visit the DOF SCRIE/DRIE walk-in office from 8:30am - 4:30pm. This office is located in lower Manhattan at 66 John Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10038.

A tenant can apply for legal assistance from one of the many offices that

provide free legal representation to New Yorkers throughout the boroughs. To find out which offices serve a particular area, a tenant may consult www.LawHelpNY.org or call 311. VOLS provides legal assistance for tenants who need help applying for SCRIE and DRIE. Please contact our Benefits Law Project at 347-521-5720.

16. The Role of the Landlord

Landlords are responsible for:

- Verifying tenant and building information during the application process, upon request by DOF;
- Providing to tenants, in a timely manner, all necessary rental documents (such as leases for Rent Stabilized tenants; DHCR form numbers RN-26, RO-30 & R33.10 for Rent Controlled tenants; MCI orders);
- Collecting the correct amount of rent from the tenant and handling retroactive adjustments;
- Monitoring DOF's SCRIE Statement of Account each quarter to ensure receipt of all authorized credits;
- Advising DOF of any rent increases or decreases, changes in building status, ownership, or management, and changes in tenant's status due to a move or death;
- Registering Rent Stabilized apartments with the DHCR and applying for Rent Control MBR adjustments;
- Reporting any suspected fraudulent claim for SCRIE by a tenant.

17. Source of Income Discrimination

The New York City Human Rights Law prohibits landlords from engaging in discrimination based on lawful source of income. This means that landlords are barred from refusing to take rental subsidies such as SCRIE and DRIE. Landlord who are engaged in lawful source of income discrimination may be subject to fines and civil penalties. If you believe a landlord is violating the law the NYC Commission on Human Rights by calling 311 and asking for the Commission or call the Commission's Infoline at (718) 722-3131. For more information and to download materials, visit www.NYC.gov/HumanRights.

18. Sources of Law

→ Enabling Legislation: NYS Real Property Tax Law §§ 467-b & 467-c

State Law authorizing municipalities to enact local SCRIE laws consistent with the state statute covering Rent Controlled and Rent Stabilized apartments (RPTL § 467-b) and apartments in buildings subject to either Article II, IV, V of XI of the Private Housing Finance Law (PHFL) or § 213 of the National Housing Act (RPTL § 467-c) occupied by senior citizens.

→ NYC Rent & Rehabilitation Law, NYC Admin. Code T. 26, Ch. 3 (§26-405m.)

Local law governing the SCRIE Program in NYC for Rent Controlled tenants.

→ NYC Rent Stabilization Law, NYC Admin. Code T. 26, Ch. 4 (§26-509)

Local law governing the SCRIE Program in NYC for Rent Stabilized tenants.

→ NYC Rent Increase Exemption for Low Income Elderly Persons, NYC Admin. Code T. 26, Ch. 7 (§§ 26-601 et seq.)

Local law governing the SCRIE Program in NYC for tenants in PHFL/"Mitchell-Lama"/§213 apartments.

→ NYC Rent & Eviction Regulations, 9 NYCRR § 2202.20

DHCR regulations covering the SCRIE Program for both Rent Controlled and Rent Stabilized tenants; some provisions are different for the two different types of rent regulation. Since DHCR does not currently administer any aspect of the SCRIE Programs in NYC, the viability of these regulations is questionable.

