

What are your rights as a SCRIE/DRIE Benefit recipient?

- You do not pay more than your frozen rent amount (this excludes fees such as utility costs, new equipment, furniture, electrical enhancements, additional security deposits, rental charges for garages or other facilities, additions, modifications, or other individual apartment improvements [“IAI”]).
- Your landlord cannot prevent you from renewing your benefits. You do not need the landlord’s permission.
- If your benefits expire, you have a 6-month grace period to submit your renewal application. Your landlord is still required to continue your benefit during this grace period.
- If it is time to renew your benefits, and your landlord has not given you a renewal lease, or a signed copy, you can still renew your benefits by submitting a “Certification by Renewal Applicant without a Lease” form along with your renewal application.
- If there has been a permanent loss of 20% or more of the income you reported on your prior approved application, you may apply for a redetermination of your frozen rent by filing a “Redetermination Application.”
- Surviving family members may qualify for a transfer of the SCRIE/DRIE benefit if that person is listed on the deceased family member’s application or renewal forms, if the surviving individual qualifies for SCRIE/DRIE, and if the surviving individual is named as a primary tenant on the apartment lease. You must submit a “Benefit Takeover Application” within six (6) months of the SCRIE beneficiary’s death or permanent move or within ninety (90) days of date of the tenant deceased notice from NYC Department of Finance, whichever is later.

For more information or copies of the application and forms, visit
nyc.gov/rentfreeze

