General Information about the Program

What is the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program?
The Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program offers a cash rebate for Oregon drivers who purchase or lease electric vehicles. It is not a tax credit. The program contains two rebate options:

- **Standard Rebate** for the purchase or lease of a new **battery electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle**.
- **Charge Ahead Rebate** for the purchase or lease of a new or used **battery electric vehicle**. Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are not eligible for the Charge Ahead Rebate. To qualify for the Charge Ahead Rebate, the purchaser or lessee must be from a low- or moderate-income household.

How much is a rebate?
For the Standard Rebate:
- $2,500 towards the purchase or lease of a new plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle with a battery capacity of 10 kWh or more.
- $1,500 towards the purchase or lease of a new plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle with a battery capacity of less than 10 kWh.
- $750 towards the purchase or lease of a zero-emission electric motorcycle.

For the Charge Ahead Rebate:
- $2,500 towards the purchase or lease of a new or used battery electric vehicle. Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are not eligible for the Charge Ahead Rebate.

Which vehicles are eligible for the Program?
Please see the list of [vehicles eligible for the Standard Rebate](#) and the list of [vehicles eligible for the Charge Ahead Rebate](#).

What other requirements should purchasers/lessees know about the rebate program?
Vehicles must be continuously registered in Oregon for at least two (2) years. An electric vehicle must be purchased through a certified vehicle dealer or an original equipment manufacturer, no person-to-person sales are allowed.
How can I determine if my client qualifies for the Charge Ahead program?
DEQ has an Income Eligibility Calculator to help applicants determine if they are likely to meet the low- and moderate-income requirements. DEQ is still determining what documentation will be required to verify income eligibility; therefore, we are not currently issuing Charge Ahead Rebates at this time. We are in the process of selecting a third-party contractor with the appropriate security measures in place to collect this personal information.

Even though DEQ is not currently processing Charge Ahead Rebates, qualified applicants who purchase a vehicle can still apply to receive the Charge Ahead Rebate at a later date. Potential Charge Ahead Rebate applicants must apply within 6 months of purchase or lease in order to qualify for the Charge Ahead Rebate. While some applicants may be eligible for both the Standard Rebate and the Charge Ahead Rebate, DEQ will only be able to provide the Standard Rebate at this time through the dealers. If the applicant is only seeking a Charge Ahead Rebate, the applicants will need to apply directly to DEQ by filling out the OCVRP General Application and select Charge Ahead Rebate. DEQ will contact the applicant to complete the application process and obtain income verification materials. DEQ expects to issue Charge Ahead rebates sometime later in 2019, once the third-party contractor is in place.

Is DEQ going to run out of money for the rebates?
No, we estimate we will have sufficient funding to provide rebates. DEQ receives $12 million a year for the rebate program, and have issued a total of $1.8M in rebates as of April 2019.

Providing rebates at the time of purchase

Is DEQ providing rebates at the time of purchase or lease?
Yes, DEQ has worked out agreements with participating dealers to provide Standard rebates at the time of purchase or lease. The applicant will purchase or lease an eligible vehicle from a participating dealer. In exchange for subtracting the cost of the rebate from the vehicle purchase amount, the applicant will assign the rebate to the participating dealer. DEQ will then reimburse the dealer directly for the rebate amount.

We are not offering Charge Ahead rebates through the dealers at this time. The applicant must apply directly to DEQ for the Charge Ahead rebate.

How can I be a participating dealer?
Please contact DEQ at CleanCars@deq.state.or.us if your dealership is interested in providing an instant rebate at the point of sale for Standard and Charge Ahead rebates. We will provide the necessary information needed to establish an agreement with DEQ for the instant rebate offer.

Information for participating dealers requesting rebates

Which forms do I need to fill out to be reimbursed by DEQ?
To facilitate and expedite processing of the rebate applications DEQ receives from participating dealers, you will need to collect, complete, and submit the following information from each applicant:
1) An Invoice Cover page, listing the applicant’s transaction information;
2) A signed and completed OCVRP General Application form for each applicant;
3) A copy of a valid Oregon driver’s license for each applicant;
4) Proof of temporary or permanent vehicle registration for the vehicle listed in each OCVRP rebate application, or a copy of the Application for Title and Registration including the odometer reading and signature of the purchaser/lessee;

5) A complete and signed copy of the vehicle sales or lease contract for the vehicle listed in each OCVRP rebate application; and

6) A signed Rebate Assignment Form from each applicant (provided as Exhibit E of the contract).

Who completes and signs the General Application form?
The purchaser/lessee must fill out the application and sign the application form.

What documentation will you accept as proof of registration in Oregon?
In lieu of a temporary or permanent vehicle registration document, you may submit a copy of the Application for Title and Registration including the odometer reading and signature of the purchaser/lessee.

How can I ensure I will get the money and that it will not go to the customer instead?
The purchaser/lessee must sign the Rebate Assignment form. This form assigns the rebate to the participating dealer. DEQ also tracks the VIN for each rebate application to ensure there are not duplicate rebate requests for the same vehicle.

Can I submit my application electronically?
No, DEQ does not currently have the proper security measures in place to collect your information electronically. In the future, DEQ will identify a third-party contractor who will have the adequate safety measures enabled to allow participating dealers to upload and submit their documents electronically. Until then, we can only accept paper applications.

How can I find out more information about the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program?
For more information, please visit our website.

Alternative formats
DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.