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. Beginning September 29, 2019, new or used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles purchased on or after this date are 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 or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

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 on our website.

What other requirements should purchasers/lessees know about the 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.

Is there still rebate funding available?
Yes. DEQ receives $12 million a year through funding generated from a tax imposed on car dealers. DEQ has been receiving this funding since 2018, and as of January 2020 has issued $9 million in rebates. The Program ends on Jan. 2, 2024.
How can I find out more information about the Program?
For more information, please visit our website.

Information about becoming an Authorized Dealer

Is DEQ providing rebates at the point of sale (“cash on the hood”)?
Yes, DEQ has worked out agreements with participating dealers to provide Standard rebates at the time of purchase or lease of a new electric vehicle. Once these agreements are signed, the participating dealer becomes an Authorized Dealer. To receive the “cash on the hood” option, applicants must purchase or lease an eligible vehicle from an Authorized Dealer. In exchange for subtracting the cost of the rebate from the vehicle purchase amount, the applicant will assign the rebate to the Authorized 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. If the applicant is applying for both the Standard and Charge Ahead rebate, the dealer may apply the Standard rebate at the time of purchase, but not the Charge Ahead rebate; the applicant would receive the Charge Ahead rebate directly from DEQ. Dealers can encourage applicants to apply for the Charge Ahead rebate by simply having applicants mark the box in Part 3A of the General application form. If the applicant only is applying for the Charge Ahead rebate, the applicant must apply directly to DEQ. DEQ does plan to allow applicants to become “pre-qualified” so that they can obtain Charge Ahead rebate at the time of purchase or lease. This pre-qualification option is anticipated in summer 2020.

How can I become an Authorized Dealer?
Please contact DEQ at CleanCars@deq.state.or.us if your dealership is interested in providing “cash on the hood” rebates at the point of sale for Standard rebates. We will provide the necessary information needed to establish an agreement with DEQ.

Information for Authorized 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 Authorized Dealers, you will need to collect, complete, and submit the following information for each applicant:
1) An Invoice Cover page, listing the applicant’s transaction information (provided as Exhibit C of the contract);
2) A signed and completed 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 or a copy of the Application for Title and Registration including the odometer reading and signature of the purchaser/lessee for the eligible vehicle;
5) A complete and signed copy of the vehicle sales or lease contract for the eligible vehicle; and
6) A signed Rebate Assignment Form (provided as Exhibit E of the contract).

Who completes and signs the application form?
The purchaser/lessee must fill out the application and sign the application form.
What documentation will you accept as proof of vehicle 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 Authorized Dealer. DEQ also tracks the VIN for each rebate application to ensure there are not duplicate rebate awards made for the same vehicle.

What if the applicant is applying for both the Charge Ahead and Standard rebate?
Have the purchaser/lessee fill out the application form and mark the box in Part 3A indicating that they may be eligible for the Charge Ahead rebate. DEQ has hired a third-party contractor to assist in the processing of Charge Ahead rebate applications. The contractor has begun processing Charge Ahead rebates, and is contacting purchasers/lessees directly to obtain additional income verification information.

Can I submit my application electronically?
No, DEQ currently does not have the proper security measures in place to collect your information electronically. DEQ has hired a third-party contractor who will have the adequate safety and security measures in place to allow Authorized Dealers to upload and submit their documents electronically. Until the contractor is ready to begin processing rebates, we can only accept paper applications.

How can I determine if my client qualifies for the Charge Ahead rebate?
DEQ has an Income Eligibility Calculator to help applicants determine if they are likely to meet the low- and moderate-income requirements. DEQ, through our third-party contractor, will send your client an email link with information on how to upload income information. Documentation will include a completed and signed IRS Form 4506-T and a household summary form.

If your client has not filed a tax return or does not have a tax liability, eligibility for the program can be determined by participation in an existing income-qualified program. For applicants who are not pre-qualified by a social service provider, DEQ would need to request income and asset documentation. Examples of additional documentation may include W-2s, bank statements, etc.

DEQ anticipates that the Program will develop an option to allow applicants to be pre-qualified for the Charge Ahead rebate. Dealers would be able to verify that the applicant is pre-qualified through an online portal and pre-qualified applicants would be able to obtain a Charge Ahead rebate at the time of purchase or lease. This option is anticipated in late summer 2020.

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.