What is the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program?
The Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (“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 Sept. 29, 2019, new or used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles will also be 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 purchased on Sept. 29, 2019 or later are also eligible.

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 of a new electric vehicle. 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. If the applicant is applying for both the Standard and Charge Ahead Rebates, the dealer may apply the Standard Rebate at the time of purchase, but 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 is only participating in the Charge Ahead Rebate, the applicant must apply directly to DEQ. DEQ does plan to allow applicants to be “pre-qualified” so that they can obtain Charge Ahead Rebates at the time of purchase or lease. This is anticipated to begin in early 2020.
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 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 General application form?
The purchaser/lessee must fill out the General 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 participating dealer. DEQ also tracks the VIN for each rebate application to ensure there are not duplicate rebate requests for the same vehicle.

What if the applicant is applying for both the Charge Ahead and Standard Rebates?
Have the purchaser/lessee fill out the General application form and mark the box in Part 3A indicating that they may be eligible for the Charge Ahead Rebate. Once DEQ is processing Charge Ahead Rebates, we will contact the purchaser/lessee directly to obtain additional income verification information.

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

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.

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 is still determining what documentation will be required to verify income eligibility; therefore, we are not currently issuing Charge Ahead Rebates at this time. However, DEQ has recently hired a contractor with the appropriate security measures in place to collect this personal information. The contractor will be providing an option to allow applicants to be pre-qualified for the Charge Ahead Rebate.

Even though DEQ is not currently processing Charge Ahead rebates, qualified applicants who purchase a vehicle can still apply to receive the rebate at a later date. Applicants must apply within six (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 and Charge Ahead Rebates, DEQ will only be able to provide the Standard Rebate at this time through the dealers.

DEQ does plan to allow applicants to be “pre-qualified” so that they can obtain a Charge Ahead Rebate at the time of purchase or lease. Dealers will be able to verify that the applicant is pre-qualified through an online portal. This is anticipated to begin in early 2020.

Is DEQ going to run out of money for the rebates?
No. We estimate the Program will have sufficient funding to provide rebates. DEQ receives $12 million a year for the Program and has issued a total of $6.6 M in rebates as of September 2019.

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.