General Information

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 is designed to reduce vehicle emissions by encouraging more Oregonians to purchase or lease electric vehicles rather than gas vehicles. 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. The income requirements vary by where you live in Oregon. To see if you meet the income requirements for your area, please use the Income Eligibility Calculator.

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.

How is the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program funded?
DEQ receives $12 million a year through funding generated from a tax imposed on car dealers for “the privilege of engaging in the business of selling taxable motor vehicles at retail in this state.” A lawsuit over this funding mechanism was settled by the Oregon Supreme Court on Aug. 2, 2018. The Court decision allowed DEQ to begin implementation of the program. The program ends in 2023.

Are you issuing Charge Ahead Rebates?
No, we are currently issuing only Standard Rebates even though some applicants may be eligible for both the Standard Rebate and the Charge Ahead Rebate. We are not processing Charge Ahead Rebates because proof of household income is needed in order to qualify for the rebate. We are in
the process of selecting a third-party contractor with the appropriate security measures in place to collect this personal information. The Charge Ahead Rebate will be available sometime later in 2019 and we have reserved sufficient funding to issue Charge Ahead Rebates for all approved 2018 Charge Ahead applicants.

If you are interested in applying for the Charge Ahead Rebate, please visit the Income Eligibility Calculator to determine if you meet the qualifying income level for your area.

**Which electric vehicles are eligible for a rebate?**
Three types of electric vehicles are eligible for a rebate: battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and electric motorcycles. Vehicles must be registered in Oregon for at least two years and have a base manufacturer’s suggested retail price of less than $50,000. Additionally, no person-to-person sales will be eligible for the rebate. An electric vehicle must be purchased through a certified vehicle dealer or an original equipment manufacturer. If a vehicle is purchased through an original equipment manufacturer, the manufacturer cannot have any licensed, franchised, new automobile dealers in Oregon.

Please see the list of vehicles eligible for the Standard Rebate and the list of vehicles eligible for the Charge Ahead Rebate.

**I purchased an electric motorcycle in 2018. Is my motorcycle eligible?**
Only electric motorcycles purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2019 may receive a rebate.

**I purchased my vehicle in 2018, but my car is a 2017 model. Is my vehicle eligible?**
If the car is listed on the eligibility list and meets the program requirements for a new vehicle, then the car is eligible for the program.

**What do Phase 1 and Phase 2 mean?**
The Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program instituted a staged system for processing Standard Rebates because program implementation was delayed due to a legal challenge.

*Phase 1* refers to both applicants and applications. The group of program applicants who purchased or leased an eligible vehicle anytime between **Jan. 1, 2018 and Dec. 11, 2018** are considered to be Phase 1 applicants. Phase 1 applicants were able to submit a Phase 1 application online. The Phase 1 application provided a simple way for Phase 1 applicants to ensure that they would meet the six-month deadline. Phase 1 applications are no longer available.

*Phase 2* refers only to applications. All Phase 1 applicants will receive a separate, Phase 2 application. The Phase 2 application will capture the remaining information needed for the program to award the Standard Rebate to Phase 1 applicants.

**Do I have to be a Phase 1 applicant to apply?**
No, if you purchased or leased a qualifying vehicle **on or after Dec. 12, 2018**, you are not in the phased system, but are considered a potential new applicant. New applicants can use the General application to apply for rebates. To be considered for a rebate, new applicants must submit a General application within six (6) months of the purchase or lease date.
When will I receive my Standard Rebate?
We are currently processing Phase 1 applicants for the Standard Rebate. Once we complete our processing of Phase 1 applicants, we will begin processing General applicants for the Standard Rebate. We process both Phase 1 applicants and General applicants in calendar order, by month. For Phase 1 applicants, calendar order is based on the date of submission of their Phase 1 application. For General applicants, calendar order is based on the vehicle purchase or lease date. We hope to move as quickly as possible through all rebate applications but it will take us some time. We will provide regular updates to all program participants both through email notifications and website updates. To ensure that you receive general program updates, please sign up with GovDelivery here.

What if I purchased or leased my car before Jan. 1, 2018?
Under the rules adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission, DEQ’s policy and rulemaking board, purchases or leases made before Jan. 1, 2018 are not eligible for rebates.

I didn’t know about the rebate program when I purchased my vehicle and it is now six months past the purchase date. Can I still apply for a rebate?
Under the current program rules, only applicants who have applied for a rebate within six (6) months of their purchase or lease date are eligible for the program. The detailed rules for the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program can be found here.

How can I find out more information about the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program?
For more information and to download a General application, please visit our website.

Applying for a Rebate

How do I apply for a rebate?
If you are a Phase 1 applicant, you must submit a Phase 2 application in order for us to complete the review process for a rebate. Phase 1 applicants are those who purchased or leased a qualifying vehicle between Jan. 1, 2018 and Dec. 11, 2018 and who submitted a Phase 1 application within six (6) months of the vehicle purchase or lease date. Phase 1 applicants will receive their Phase 2 application by email. Once you receive your Phase 2 application, complete the application and submit all requested documents. We will send you a confirmation email upon receipt of your Phase 2 application.

If you are a new applicant, you must submit a General application in order for us to process your rebate request. New applicants are eligible for the program if they purchased or leased a qualifying vehicle on or after Dec. 12, 2018. New applicants must submit a General application within six (6) months of the purchase or lease date. You can download and print the General application from our website.

Can I receive my rebate at the time of purchase or lease?
Yes, there are some dealerships who are able to provide the rebate at the time of purchase or lease. Also called “cash on the hood,” the dealer can subtract the rebate from the cost of the vehicle for you and submit the rebate application for reimbursement to the dealership. You will need to complete a General application as well as a form assigning your rebate to the dealer (the dealer will provide this form). To see which dealers are providing this option, please visit our [map of cash on the hood participating dealerships](#).
Is there a deadline to apply for a rebate?
Yes, you must submit a rebate application within six (6) months of the date of purchase or lease of your electric vehicle.

What documentation do I need to submit for my application?
All required documentation is identified in the Phase 2 and General applications. The Phase 2 application must be sent from DEQ. The General application is available here.

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 you to upload and submit your documents electronically. Until then, we can only accept paper applications.

How will I know if I qualify for a rebate or not?
After we complete our review of your application, we will notify you of your eligibility by email. The notification will state either (a) you are approved to receive a rebate check, (b) you will need to send us additional information or (c) you do not qualify for a rebate. If you qualify for a rebate, you become an Approved applicant. Approved applicants will receive their rebate checks via US Postal Service mail at the address listed on their application.

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.