

Frequently Asked Questions

Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program



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General Information

1) What is the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program?

The Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (OCVRP) offers a cash rebate for Oregon drivers who purchase or lease electric vehicles (EV). 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** plug-in hybrid or battery EV.
- **Charge Ahead Rebate** for the purchase or lease of a **new or used battery electric vehicle only**. Hybrids are not eligible under 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 visit the Charge Ahead Income Eligibility Tool at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/programs/Pages/ZEV-Rebate.aspx>.

2) Which electric vehicles are eligible for the rebate?

Two types of electric vehicles will be eligible for the rebate: battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. 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 car dealer or an original equipment manufacturer that does not have licensed franchised new automobile dealers in Oregon. A list of eligible vehicles is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/programs/Pages/ZEV-Rebate.aspx>

3) How much is the rebate?

For the Standard Rebate:

- \$2,500 towards the purchase or lease of a new plug in hybrid or battery EV with a battery capacity of 10 kWh or more.
- \$1,500 towards the purchase or lease of a new plug in hybrid or battery EV with a battery capacity of less than 10 kWh.

For the Charge Ahead Rebate:

- \$2,500 towards the purchase or lease of a **new or used** battery electric vehicle only.
- If purchasing or leasing a **new battery** electric vehicle and qualifications are met for both programs, eligible purchases can combine the Charge Ahead Rebate with a Standard Rebate for a total rebate of up to \$5,000.

4) How is the rebate program funded?

Funding for program is 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

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lawsuit over this funding mechanism was just recently settled by the Oregon Supreme Court on August 2, 2018 which now allows DEQ to begin implementation of the program.

Application Process

1) How do I apply for a rebate?

Starting December 12, 2018, if you have subsequently purchased or leased an eligible electric vehicle, you can download, fill out, and print the OCVRP General Application online at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/evrebateapplication.pdf>. To maintain eligibility for a rebate, you must submit your application within six months of the date of purchase or lease of your qualifying vehicle. DEQ will email a confirmation upon receipt of your application.

If you have already submitted a Phase 1 application, you will receive an email from DEQ with a Phase 2 application for you to fill out and mail back to us. DEQ will notify Phase 1 applicants by the order of the date of their application submission. January 2018 applicants will be the first group to receive the Phase 2 application to complete and submit for processing. DEQ will continue to send program updates as DEQ processes applications for all 2018 Phase 1 applicants.

2) Why is a Phase 2 application required for Phase 1 applicants?

The Oregon law requires purchasers and lessees to submit their applications to DEQ within six months of the purchase or lease of an eligible vehicle. DEQ will notify Phase 1 applicants to complete the Phase 2 application to complete the rebate application process. Providing a Phase 1 application allowed DEQ to provide rebates to Oregonians for 2018 purchases before the Clean Vehicle Rebate program was established. Those who purchase or lease qualified electric vehicles going forward will only have to complete one application within six months of the purchase or lease.

3) What documentation do I need to submit for my application?

The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, DEQ's policy and rulemaking board, adopted [rules](#) establishing program requirements. All required documentation is identified in the application, available here <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/evrebateapplication.pdf>

4) Can I submit my application electronically?

At this time, DEQ does not have the proper security measures in place to collect your information electronically. DEQ will identify a vendor who will have the adequate safety measures enabled to allow you to upload and submit your documents electronically. Until that time, DEQ can only accept paper applications.

5) How will I know if I receive the rebate or not?

DEQ will process applications in the order they are received. DEQ will notify applicants via email if they will receive a rebate check, did not qualify, and if more information is needed due to an incomplete application. Qualified applicants will receive their rebate checks in the mail.

6) Are you issuing Charge Ahead rebates?

Currently, DEQ is only issuing Standard rebates. Some applicants may be eligible for both the Standard and Charge Ahead rebates. If you are applying for the Charge Ahead

rebate (a rebate available for low and moderate households), please visit the [income eligibility tool](#) to determine if you meet the qualifying income level for your area. Proof of household income is needed to qualify for the Charge Ahead Rebate. DEQ is identifying a third party vendor that has the appropriate security measures in place to collect your information.

The Charge Ahead application and rebate will be available in 2019. DEQ has reserved sufficient funding to issue Charge Ahead rebates for 2018 applicants next year.

7) When will I receive my rebate?

Rebates for the purchase or lease of new electric vehicles are now available. DEQ is processing the 2018 Phase 1 applicants first and will notify Phase 1 applicants by the order of the date of their application submission. DEQ will move as quickly as possible through that process and will provide updates on where we are on the Phase 1 list. [To ensure you receive updates on the program please sign up for govdelivery here.](#)

8) Is there a deadline to apply?

You must submit a complete application within six months of the date of purchase or lease of your electric vehicle.

9) What if I purchased or leased my car before January 1, 2018?

Under the rules adopted by the Commission, purchases or leases made before Jan. 1, 2018 are not eligible for rebates.

10) How can I find out more information about the program?

Go to <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/air/programs/Pages/ZEV-Rebate.aspx> to learn more about the program.

Accessibility

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