

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 offers a cash rebate for Oregon drivers who purchase or lease electric vehicles. 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 EV**
- **Charge Ahead Rebate** for the purchase or lease of a new or used battery electric vehicle. To qualify for the Charge Ahead rebate, the purchaser or lessee must be from a low- or moderate-income household*

*DEQ is in the process of determining specific income eligibility requirements.

2) Which electric vehicles are eligible for the rebate?

Two types of 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.

3) How much is the rebate?

For the Standard Rebate:

- \$2500 towards the purchase or lease of a new EV with a battery capacity of 10 kWh or more.
- \$1500 towards the purchase or lease of a new EV with a battery capacity of less than 10 kWh.

For the Charge Ahead Rebate:

- \$2500 towards the purchase or lease of a new or used battery electric vehicle only.
- If purchasing or leasing a new battery electric vehicle, eligible purchases can combine the Charge Ahead Rebate with a Standard Rebate for a total rebate of up to \$5,000.

4) How might the lawsuit over the funding mechanism for the rebate program affect my rebate?

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 pending lawsuit over this funding mechanism is currently before the Oregon Supreme Court for consideration. If funding from this tax is determined to be ineligible to pay rebates, then no rebates will be provided unless the legislature approves a new funding source.

Application Process

1) How do I apply for a rebate?

Starting Jan 1, 2018, if you have subsequently purchased or leased an eligible electric vehicle, you can complete the Phase 1 application online at <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/programs/Pages/Electric-Vehicle-Rebate.aspx>. To maintain eligibility for a rebate, you must submit a Phase 1 application within six months of the date of purchase or lease of your qualifying vehicle.

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

The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, DEQ's policy and rulemaking board, recently adopted [rules](#) establishing program requirements. DEQ will notify applicants and require documentation as part of a future Phase 2 application.

3) Why is a Phase 2 application required?

The law requires applications to be filed within six months of the purchase or lease of an eligible vehicle, but DEQ may not be prepared to start issuing rebates until later in 2018 due to the time needed to develop the program implementing the May 2018 rules and the Supreme Court's resolution of the challenge to the tax funding. Completion of a Phase 1 application will satisfy the requirement that an application be submitted within six months of the date of purchase or lease.

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

All Phase 1 applicants will be required to submit a Phase 2 application to be eligible for the rebate. At this time, only a Phase 1 application is available.

5) How can I find out when the Phase 2 application is available?

If you have submitted a Phase 1 application, DEQ will notify you via email when the Phase 2 application is available. DEQ will also post a notice to all Phase 1 applicants on its website: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/programs/Pages/ZEV-Rebate.aspx>

6) When will I receive my rebate?

Rebates cannot be issued until there are sufficient funds available from the new tax introduced by the legislation to fund the rebate program. While the state will begin collecting funds on Jan. 1, 2018, the amount of funds collected will not be sufficient to start granting rebates until, at the earliest, summer 2018, pending the outcome of the Oregon Supreme Court ruling. (See question #4, under General Questions.)

7) Is there a deadline to apply?

You must apply for the Phase 1 application within six months of the date of purchase or lease of your potentially eligible electric vehicle.

8) What if I purchased or leased my car before Jan. 1, 2018?

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

9) How can I verify that DEQ has received my Phase 1 application?

Once you have completed the Phase 1 application, DEQ will send an email to you confirming your submission. That email will serve as proof of the date on which you submitted your Phase 1 application. It will satisfy the requirement that you apply within

six months of your purchase or lease of your vehicle(s) and are eligible to submit the Phase 2 application and potentially receive a rebate, if you meet all applicable eligibility requirements at that time.

10) Are you prioritizing applications in any certain way? If I'm one of the first people to sign up, does that mean I get my rebate first?

Once Phase 2 applications are available, DEQ will process applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Accessibility

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