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 purchased on Sept. 29, 2019 or later also qualify for this 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 depending on 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 purchased on Sept. 29, 2019 or later are also eligible for the Charge Ahead Rebate.

Is there still rebate funding available?
Yes! 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.” The program ends on Jan. 2, 2024. As of September 2019, DEQ has issued $6.6 million in rebates.

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 accepting Charge Ahead Rebate applications, but are holding them in a queue because proof of household income is
needed in order to qualify for the rebate. We have just selected a third-party contractor with the appropriate security measures in place to collect this personal information. The contractor will begin processing the Charge Ahead Rebate applications in late 2019; beginning with those submitted in 2018 and will work quickly to get up to date.

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.

**When will I receive my Standard Rebate?**
We are currently processing applications on a first-come, first-served basis. We are working as quickly as possible through all rebate applications, but due to a lawsuit over the funding mechanism that delayed implementation, we are still backlogged by a few months.

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. However, if you purchased or leased your vehicle between Jan. 1, 2018 and Aug. 2, 2018, you can still submit your application, but you must do so before March 30, 2020. DEQ is providing an additional 6-month window for applicants who purchased or leased during this timeframe due to the uncertainty surrounding the lawsuit.

The lawsuit over this funding mechanism was settled by the Oregon Supreme Court on Aug. 2, 2018.

I have a Phase 1 application - what do I do now?
At the start of the program (January 2018), DEQ instituted a staged system for processing Standard Rebates because program implementation was delayed due to a legal challenge. If you have a Phase 1 application, please contact us at CleanCars@deq.state.or.us so we can assist you.

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. You must submit your application within six (6) months of the purchase or lease date.

**Applying for a Rebate**

How do I apply for a rebate?
DEQ has agreements with participating dealerships to provide Standard Rebates at the time of purchase or lease of new cars only. You would work with the participating dealer to fill out the information in the application and the dealer would submit it on your behalf. The rebate would then be subtracted from the vehicle’s purchase or lease price.

Otherwise, you can download and print the General Rebate application from our website. Submit it with the supporting documentation via postal mail, and we will process your request.

**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.

**Can I submit my application electronically?**
No, DEQ does not currently have the proper security measures in place to collect your information electronically. DEQ has just signed a third-party contractor who will soon have the adequate safety measures enabled to allow you to upload and submit your documents electronically. Until that feature is available online, 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 U.S. Postal Service mail at the address listed on their application.

**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.

**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.