

Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program

Terms and Conditions

As a condition of participation in the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (“the Program”), the Applicant must adhere to and comply with the Terms and Conditions and any other requirements imposed by law, even if assigning a rebate to a Participating Dealership. Applicants are responsible for reviewing the Terms and Conditions prior to applying for a rebate.

DEQ will only issue rebates to Applicants who meet the Terms and Conditions, which include requirements as laid out in [Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 340, Division 270](#), and under Oregon law. This document is intended to explain the administrative rules and statutory requirements that apply to the Program.

Part 1: Applicant and vehicle requirements

Applicant must meet requirements that include, but are not limited to:

1. Applicant must be an Oregon resident, an organization such as a business, nonprofit, public entity or Oregon state or municipal government entity based in Oregon or with a current Oregon-based affiliate, or a low-income service provider that provides health, dental, social, financial, energy conservation or other assistive services to low- or moderate-income households in Oregon. All businesses and nonprofits must be licensed to operate in Oregon. All low-income service providers must be registered as a 501(c)(3) organization based in Oregon or have an Oregon-based affiliate. Businesses, nonprofits, government, or public entities are limited to ten (10) rebates per entity per calendar year.
2. Applicant must submit an application within six (6) months of the date of purchase or lease of an eligible vehicle. For the purposes of the Program, the date of purchase is the date the purchase contract or security agreement was executed and signed. For the purposes of the Program, the date of lease is the date which the lease agreement is signed.
 - a. For Tesla and other vehicles ordered without a standard purchase/lease agreement, the date of purchase or lease is the first date of vehicle registration. Applicants must take delivery of their vehicle before submitting a rebate application.
3. If the purchase or lease date occurs on or after Jan. 1, 2022, the household income must be less than 400% of the federal poverty guideline. Income eligibility will be verified for the year the vehicle was purchased or leased. If that income information is unavailable or inadequate, income eligibility will be verified from a previous year. All income verification documentation must reflect the name of the Applicant.
4. The purchase or lease of an eligible new or used vehicle must comply with [Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 340, Division 270](#). Eligible vehicles are identified on the Program [website](#).
 - a. Vehicle must be purchased or leased from a certified dealership or an original equipment manufacturer (“OEM”). If a vehicle is purchased through an OEM, the OEM cannot have any licensed, franchised, new automobile dealerships in Oregon.
5. Standard Rebates are only available to new vehicles. Vehicles are only considered new if they have not been previously registered. Vehicles that were previously utilized as dealership floor models and test drive vehicles (“demo vehicles”) are eligible for a rebate only if they have not been previously registered. Vehicles determined by the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program Administrator (“the Administrator”) to be unrebated rollback or unwind vehicles are considered new vehicles. Vehicles that have already received a rebate are not eligible for another Standard Rebate unless the full amount of the original rebate was returned. The Applicant is responsible for verifying in advance that the vehicle has not previously received a rebate.

6. If applying for a Charge Ahead Rebate and purchasing a used vehicle, Applicant attests that they have not previously owned or leased the vehicle. Applicant must provide all information requested to confirm the Applicant is not buying, selling, or leasing vehicles in a manner that circumvents the intent of the Charge Ahead Rebate Program.
7. Applicant must retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 24 consecutive months immediately following the date of vehicle purchase or lease (“Ownership Requirement”) and register the vehicle for use in the state of Oregon with the Oregon DMV for that entire ownership period. For leased vehicles, the original lease term must be a minimum of 24 months.
 - a. Applicant is required to notify the Administrator in advance of the intent to sell, return or terminate a lease in order to arrange for early termination of vehicle ownership and Ownership Requirement.
 - b. If Applicant violates the Ownership Requirement, they agree to remit the rebate to the Program, either in full or a pro-rated amount of the rebate, as determined by the Administrator. DEQ or its designee reserves the right to recoup all rebate funds from the Applicant and may pursue other remedies available under the law.
 - c. Obtaining the rebate at the point of sale from a Participating Dealership does not alleviate Applicant’s responsibility to remit the rebate funds to the Program if the Ownership Requirement is not met.
 - d. Applicant must be available for follow-up inspection if requested by DEQ, or DEQ’s designee, for project oversight and accountability.
8. Applicant certifies that they will not make or allow any modifications to the vehicle’s emissions control systems, hardware, software calibrations or hybrid system. Applicant certifies that they will participate in ongoing research efforts and surveys that support the Program goals, upon request from the Administrator.
9. For business, nonprofit, public entity and Oregon state or municipal government Applicants, annual vehicle usage reports must be submitted to the Administrator for all rebated vehicles for a period of at least 24 months. Report data may include, but is not limited to, mileage reporting and annual fuel use by fuel type.

Part 2: Application process

To apply for a rebate, submit an application and all required documentation within six months of the purchase or lease date of the vehicle. Mail application and required documentation to the Program Administrator:

Center for Sustainable Energy
ATTN: Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program
3980 Sherman Street, Suite 170
San Diego, CA 92110

Applicant must be an Oregon resident, an organization such as a business, nonprofit, public entity, or Oregon state. Submission date for mailed applications is determined by U.S. mail postmark. For security purposes, required documents that are sent on removable media (flash drives, CDs, DVDs, etc.) or email will not be accepted.

Program communications will be sent via email. They may include requests for additional documentation or information. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to submit a correct email address in the application and ensure it allows emails from the Program. Applicants are responsible for emails sent from the Program. Applicants are encouraged to add oregoncvrp@energycenter.org to their Safe Senders list, and review Spam and Junk folders for email from the Program. Applicant understands that notices will be sent via email, and it is their responsibility to check all OCVRP related emails. Applicant understands that their application will be cancelled if they do not provide required supporting documentation within the required timeframe.

Required documentation

1. Application forms must be completed, signed, and dated by the Applicant or their legally authorized representative. Authorized representatives are required to supply documentation to demonstrate their authority to sign on the Applicant's behalf. Applicant must contact the Administrator immediately if there is a mistake on the application form. Applicants who submit an application form with an incorrect Applicant's name will need to reapply.
2. Proof of temporary or permanent Oregon vehicle registration for the vehicle listed in the application. The Applicant's name must be on the registration, and the registration must be current (not expired).
3. A complete copy of the vehicle sale or lease contract executed and signed, with all pages included. A complete contract includes an itemization of credits, discounts, and incentives received, if applicable. The Applicant's name and the name of the dealership must be listed on the contract.
4. Proof of Oregon residency:
 - a. For individuals, including Oregon residents, trusts, Doing Business As (DBA's), and Sole Proprietorships, a copy of the Applicant's current (not expired) Oregon driver's license. For DBA's, (also known as fictitious business name, assumed business name or trade name) a document linking the individual to the DBA is also required. Individuals who do not have an Oregon driver's license will be required to provide proof of Oregon residency in the form of one of the following: The administrator will reach out to confirm this.
 - i. A utility or cable bill from the last three months.
 - ii. A copy of the current DMV registration of another vehicle in the name of the Applicant. Registration for a Planned Non-Operational vehicle does not meet this requirement.
 - iii. A signed, dated, and notarized residential rental agreement.
 - iv. Other valid form of demonstrating Oregon residency as approved by DEQ.
 - b. For an organization such as businesses, nonprofits, public or government agency: a copy of a local business license, articles of incorporation, or other formation document filed with the Oregon Secretary of State.
5. Proof of income¹, for all Charge Ahead applications
 - a. Proof of enrollment in an eligible income-qualified program ("Categorical Eligibility Program") at the time of vehicle purchase or lease.

OR
 - b. A completed Household Summary form reflecting household size AND a completed IRS Form 4506-C for every household member aged 18 and older living in the household at the time of vehicle purchase or lease, regardless of filing status or dependency. If Applicant's tax transcript for the year of vehicle purchase or lease is not available, additional documentation will be required to verify income.
 - c. For low-income service providers, in lieu of the above, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit determination letter is required.

¹ This information will be requested separately and does not need to be mailed in with the original application.

Application Review Process

All eligibility will be reviewed based upon the [Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 340, Division 270](#) and Oregon statute in place at the time a new application is submitted. Applicants must provide all additional information and documentation requested by the Administrator or DEQ to determine eligibility. If additional documentation is required, Applicants have 14 calendar days to submit it to the Administrator.

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Applications that do not meet program requirements or submit required documentation within the timeframe allotted will be cancelled and reserved rebate funds will be released to the Program. Notification will be sent to the email address on file to notify Applicant of the cancellation. If the application is cancelled, Applicant is responsible for submitting a new application. If the new application falls outside of the Applicant's eligibility window, the application will be ineligible. Extensions will not be granted.

Appeals

Applicants may appeal the cancellation in writing to DEQ within 60 days of the date of the cancellation. The appeal letter must set forth all facts that form the basis for the appeal including why the Applicant believes that the statute or rules have been misapplied or otherwise improperly cancelled the application. Please send your appeal letter to the following address:

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ATTN: OCVRP Appeal
700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97232-4100

DEQ will respond to all appeals of cancellation in writing. If the only basis for an appeal is that the Applicant disagrees with the policies set forth in the Terms and Conditions and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 340, Division 270, DEQ will deny the appeal. DEQ's response will constitute an order in other than a contested case.

Part 3: Rebate payment

Rebate funds are reserved at the time of application submission. All required documentation must be provided during the application process or rebate funds will not be reserved. Application submission does not guarantee availability of program rebate funds. Rebates are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis, prior to the exhaustion of program funds.

Applicants that request a rebate check must cash it within two (2) years of the date on the check. Checks not cashed within this timeframe will be cancelled, and the rebate funds will be returned to the Program.

Public records disclosure:

By submitting your application, you agree to share all information provided as part of your application, including personal information included on your application. Personal Information includes an individual's name, address, email address, social security number, driver license number, household income, telephone number, racial identity, ethnicity, age, and gender identity. Personal information will be shared with the following parties for the allowed uses described:

1. The Center for Sustainable Energy to contact you, process your rebate and enforce the program Terms and Conditions.
2. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon DMV, and the Oregon Treasury to administer the Program, distribute your rebate funds and enforce program Terms and Conditions.

3. Any other parties as required by Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.385 to ORS 192.338

DEQ depends on personal information to efficiently process rebate applications for the Program. DEQ values the information submitted and believes that applicants' willingness to provide this information is in the public interest because it allows DEQ to issue rebates as efficiently as possible.

The DEQ is not able to guarantee confidentiality. Personal Information submitted in this application is considered public record and subject to disclosure as required by Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.385 to ORS 192.338. Thus, personal information included on the application may be subject to disclosure under the law in response to a public records request. Personal Information that is made confidential under federal law is exempt from disclosure under the Oregon public records law.

If you indicate that you would not submit the information but for a promise of confidentiality from DEQ, DEQ will make its best efforts to keep the information confidential. If DEQ receives a public records request under which this rebate application is deemed a responsive record, DEQ will carefully analyze any submission to determine if it is exempt from disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law. DEQ will make its best effort to withhold records where the applicant requested confidentiality, while at the same time being mindful of its obligations under the Public Records Law.

By submitting your application, you agree to complete the Program Participant survey. Information you provide in the survey will not be used for commercial purposes. Information you provide in the survey, including personally identifiable information, will be used by the Center for Sustainable Energy to conduct research for the purposes of improving the Program. Information you provide in the survey, including personally identifiable information, may also be used for academic research purposes by DEQ.

Oregon DEQ will securely store your data for six years from the date of application or other date as mandated by Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 340, Division 270.

Consent:

By submitting your application, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to the program Terms and Conditions.

If you have questions about the Terms and Conditions, or about filling out the application, please contact the Administrator at 855-383-4425 or OregonCVRP@energycenter.org