



FAQ: Illinois' Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

Illinois' Electric Vehicle Rebate Program begins July 1, 2022. Illinois residents that purchase a new or used all-electric vehicle from an Illinois licensed dealer will be eligible for a rebate.

How do I apply for the electric vehicle (EV) rebate?

Beginning July 1, 2022, forms and instructions on submitting a rebate application will be made available on Illinois' [Electric Vehicle Rebate Program webpage](#) and at the opening of each funding round. You may want to consider signing up for the EV Listserv located on that page to receive updates.

May I purchase a vehicle before July 1, 2022 and still apply for the rebate?

No. Vehicles must be purchased on or after July 1, 2022.

If I received a rebate under the former Alternate Fuels Program in the past 10 years, will I still be eligible for a rebate under the Electric Vehicle rebate?

Yes. The 10-year limitation on each person receiving a rebate only applies to rebates issued consistent with the new Electric Vehicle Rebate program, not any prior rebate program. If you have received a rebate for purchasing an electric or alternatively fueled vehicle prior to July 1, 2022, the rebate was given under the Alternate Fuels Program.

If I place an order for an EV before July 1st, but don't take possession until after that date, am I eligible for the rebate?

The rules define "proof of purchase" as:

"Proof of purchase" means a copy of a canceled check, an invoice or bill showing that the applicable amount has been paid or that no remaining balance exists, or other appropriate proof, acceptable to the Agency, that payment has been made for the related purchase.

This typically occurs when a vehicle is delivered to the customer, or the customer takes possession. The date of purchase is one eligibility criteria, all other eligibility criteria must be satisfied to be rebate eligible.

Does the EV rebate include plug-in hybrids?

No. The Electric Vehicle Rebate Act defines "electric vehicle" as:

"Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is exclusively powered by and refueled by electricity, must be plugged in to charge, and is licensed to drive on public roadways. "Electric vehicle" does not include electric mopeds, electric off-highway vehicles, or hybrid electric vehicles and extended-range electric vehicles that are also equipped with conventional fueled propulsion or auxiliary engines.

Does the EV rebate include motorcycles?

Yes. A \$1,500 rebate is available for electric motorcycles.

Does the EV rebate include off-road vehicles?

No. The definition of “electric vehicle” specifically excludes off-road vehicles.

What are the eligibility requirements for the rebate?

The rules define “eligibility” as:

On and after July 1, 2022, each individual who purchases an electric vehicle and satisfies the criteria set forth in this Section is eligible to receive a rebate under this Part. To be eligible to receive a rebate, a purchaser must:

- 1) Reside in Illinois, both at the time the vehicle was purchased and at the time the rebate is issued. [415 ILCS 120/27(b)(1)].*
- 2) Not have received a rebate under the Act in the 10 years prior to the date an application is received by the Agency. A rebate may only be applied for and awarded once per purchaser in any 10-year period. [415 ILCS 120/27(f)].*
- 3) Purchase a new or used electric vehicle in Illinois on or after July 1, 2022, from a dealership licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State and be the owner of the vehicle at the time the rebate is issued. Rented or leased vehicles, vehicles purchased from an out-of-state dealership, and vehicles delivered to or received by the purchaser out-of-state are not eligible for a rebate under the Act. [415 ILCS 120/27(b)(2)].*
- 4) Purchase an electric vehicle that has never been the subject of a rebate issued under the Act. A rebate administered under this Act may only be applied for and awarded one time per vehicle identification number. [415 ILCS 120/27(f)]. The Agency will provide on its website a searchable list of vehicle identification numbers for vehicles that have received a rebate under the Act.*
- 5) Apply for the rebate within 90 days after the vehicle purchase date by providing all of the information specified in Section 275.230 to the Agency. [415 ILCS 120/27(b)(3)]. The application must be postmarked within 90 days after the vehicle purchase date.*

The purchaser must retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 12 consecutive months immediately after the vehicle purchase date. The purchaser must register the vehicle in Illinois during that time frame. Rebate recipients who fail to satisfy any of the above criteria will be required to reimburse the Agency all of the original rebate amount and shall notify the Agency within 60 days of failing to satisfy the criteria. [415 ILCS 120/27(d)].

How much funding is available for rebates?

As of July 1, 2022, the Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund had a balance of **\$17,909,043.51**. After the application period closes, rebates will be issued to eligible applicants based on funding availability.

Will I receive notification if my rebate is denied?

Yes. If a rebate is denied, including for untimeliness, ineligibility, lack of documentation, or lack of funding, a denial letter will be sent to the applicant.

Is there an income limit for eligibility to receive the rebate?

There is no income limit on eligibility; however, the Agency is directed by the law to “prioritize the review of qualified applications from low-income purchasers and award rebates to qualified purchasers accordingly.”

Who qualifies as low income?

Low income is defined by the Act as:

"Low income" means persons and families whose income does not exceed 80% of the State median income as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

See Application instructions for details.

Is there a rebate for installation of charging infrastructure at individual homes?

There are currently no state grants or rebates available for infrastructure for individual electric vehicle owners at their residences. However, Illinois is working toward expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Illinois for public use on many fronts.

Earlier this spring, Illinois EPA announced revisions to the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for the Volkswagen Settlement funds, which will direct approximately \$12.7 million for light-duty electric charging infrastructure in Illinois. In addition, under the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), Illinois EPA is establishing a grant program for charging infrastructure for public and private organizations and companies to install and maintain Level 2 or Level 3 charging stations consistent with Illinois Commerce Commission approved Beneficial Electrification Plans. Notice of Funding Opportunities for charging infrastructure will be announced by Illinois EPA at a later date.

When are applications due?

The rebate application must be postmarked within 90 days of the vehicle purchase date

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The rebate application must be postmarked on or before the end of the rebate cycle, September 30, 2022.

Is the rebate a tax credit or will I receive a check?

Disbursement of rebates will be in the form of a check from the Illinois Comptroller. To this end, the application for rebate will necessarily need to include the requisite information with which to process the payment (e.g. SSN or Taxpayer Identification Number).

Additional Questions? Contact Illinois EPA at EPA.EV@Illinois.gov.