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Introduction

Driving Rhode Island to Vehicle Electrification DRIVEEV is an electric vehicle (EV) rebate program administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) to support adoption of electric vehicles by Rhode Island residents, small-businesses, non-profits, and public sectors.

OER is the lead state agency for energy policy and programs with a mission to lead the state toward a clean, affordable, reliable, and equitable energy future. OER develops policies and programs that respond to the state’s evolving energy needs while advancing environmental sustainability, energy security, and a vibrant clean energy economy. OER is committed to working with public- and private-sector stakeholders to ensure that all Rhode Islanders have access to cost-effective, resilient, and sustainable energy solutions.

The adoption of sustainable transportation solutions, such as electric vehicles for commuters and fleets, is crucial to Rhode Island’s fight against climate change and achieving the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals mandated by the 2021 Act on Climate. The 2021 Act on Climate requires a 45 percent reduction in the state’s GHG emissions below 1990 levels by 2030, 80 percent by 2040, and net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.¹ The transportation sector accounts for more than one-third of statewide greenhouse gas emissions.²

DRIVEEV is a new program designed to accelerate the adoption of EVs by Rhode Island drivers, with the potential to drive important public policy goals such as:

- Improve public health and air quality by reducing transportation-related air pollution that contributes to the formation of smog and related health effects such as asthma;
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change;
- Enhance energy diversity and security; and
- Save drivers money and promote economic growth.

This Program Guidance Document details the full suite of incentive offerings through DRIVEEV and provides important information and instructions for those interested in applying for financial incentives. The Program Guidance Document may be periodically updated as needed to clarify project requirements and improve the program’s effectiveness. The Program Guidance Document, including any updates, will be posted on the DRIVEEV website at http://www.drive.ri.gov.

¹ For more information about the 2021 Act on Climate and related efforts, please visit: www.climatechange.ri.gov.
² According to Rhode Island’s 2017 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, the transportation sector contributed 35.5 percent of Rhode Island’s emissions. For more information about Rhode Island’s Greenhouse Gas Inventory, please visit: http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/air/ghg-emissions-inventory.php.
**DRIVE\(^E\)V Program Overview – Individual Rebates**

Funded and administered by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), DRIVE\(^E\)V provides rebates of up to $2,500.00 for the purchase or lease of new battery electric vehicles and fuel-cell electric vehicles and up to $1,500.00 for new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

The program also offers rebates of up to $1,500.00 for the purchase or lease of used battery electric vehicles and fuel-cell electric vehicle and up to $750.00 for used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

DRIVE\(^E\)V rebates are reserved and/or awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.\(^3\)

This program is available to Rhode Island residents who purchase or lease an electric vehicle from a licensed Rhode Island automobile dealership.

Applications are available online at [http://www.drive.ri.gov](http://www.drive.ri.gov).

From the date of vehicle purchase/lease, applicants will have one hundred and twenty (120) days to provide OER with all required supporting documentation, including copies of:

- A valid Rhode Island registration certificate for the electric vehicle;
- The final sales or lease agreement, including an itemization of credits, discounts, and incentives received (where applicable);
- A Rhode Island driver’s license; and
- A signed W-9 form.

Importantly, if a qualified applicant does not submit all required supporting documentation within one hundred and twenty (120) days, as indicated above, OER will release the “reserved” funds back to the DRIVE\(^E\)V program and a new application will need to be submitted.

The DRIVE\(^E\)V Program Administrator will communicate with the applicant regarding their application via email. It is the applicant’s responsibility to check all DRIVE\(^E\)V related emails for status updates and requests for additional information or documents required to complete the application.

OER will review all submitted materials for completeness and to ensure the applicant meets all eligibility requirements.

If approved, OER will award the appropriate rebate amount directly to the applicant in a single payment, by check, within four to six (4-6) weeks from the date of final approval.\(^4\)

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\(^3\) Rebates will be made on a first-come, first-served basis based upon adherence to application requirements and contingent on funding availability. OER reserves the right to extend, modify, or terminate this program based on funding availability and/or other factors.

\(^4\) Processing times may vary.
terminate the program at its sole discretion. The submittal of an application form does not guarantee an award.

Applicants may also be eligible to qualify for Federal Tax Credits associated with EV purchases. Receipt of any federal tax credits does not disqualify an eligible applicant from this state program. For information on federal tax incentives for electric-drive vehicles, visit www.fueleconomy.gov.

**DRIVE EV Program Requirements and Rebate Amounts**

**New Vehicles**

*Summary of Program Requirements*

- Purchase or lease a new eligible EV with a final sales and purchase agreement price at or below $60,000.00
- Purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022
- Vehicle must be purchased or leased at a licensed Rhode Island Automobile Dealer (no person-to-person sales allowed).
- Vehicle must be registered with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Applicant must be a Rhode Island resident (RI driver’s license required).
- Submit application and all supporting documents within one hundred and twenty (120) days of purchase/lease.
- One application per individual (per 48-month period).  

For a new electric vehicle, the purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022 in order to be eligible for this program. *Electric vehicles purchased or leased prior to this date will not qualify for a rebate.*

Eligible vehicles must be purchased or leased by a Rhode Island resident at a licensed Rhode Island automotive dealership and registered in Rhode Island.

Purchased vehicles (new) must have a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $60,000.00.

Leased vehicles (new) are required to have a lease term of at least twenty-four (24) months to qualify for the program.

Effective 07/07/2022, rebate amounts for new EV purchases/leases are as follows:

- **$2,500.00** for new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or new Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs)

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5 Applicants will have to wait forty-eight (48) months from the date of the approved application to be eligible to reapply for the incentive rebate.
• $1,500.00 rebate for new Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs)

Used Vehicles

Summary of Program Requirements
• Purchase or lease a used eligible EV with a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $40,000.00
• Purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022
• Vehicle must be purchased or leased at a licensed Rhode Island Automobile Dealer (no person-to-person sales allowed).
• Vehicle must be registered with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
• Applicant must be a Rhode Island resident (RI driver’s license required).
• Submit application and all supporting documents within one hundred and twenty (120) days of purchase/lease.
• One application per individual (per 48-month period). 6

For a used electric vehicle, the purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022 in order to be eligible for this program. Electric vehicles purchased or leased prior to this date will not qualify for a rebate.

Eligible vehicles must be purchased or leased by a Rhode Island resident at a licensed Rhode Island automotive dealership and registered in Rhode Island.

Purchased vehicles (used) must have a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $40,000.00.

Leased vehicles (used) are required to have a lease term of at least twenty-four (24) months to qualify for the program.

Effective 07/07/2022 rebate amounts for used EV purchases/leases are as follows:

• $1,500.00 for used Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or used Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs).
• $750.00 for used Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs).

Vehicle Eligibility

6 Applicants will have to wait forty-eight (48) months from the date of the approved application to be eligible to reapply for the incentive rebate.
To be eligible for a DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} rebate, the electric vehicle must be at or below the final sales and purchase price agreement of $60,000.00 for new vehicles, and $40,000.00 for used vehicles. Please contact the Program Administrator at 401-574-9117, or Energy.DriveEV@energy.ri.gov if you have any questions about vehicle eligibility prior to purchasing/leasing an EV.

\textbf{Vehicles not eligible for DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV}}

- Aftermarket plug-in hybrid electric and battery electric vehicle conversions;
- Electric scooters, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), electric bicycles, and electric busses;
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs)\textsuperscript{7} or Low-Speed Vehicles (LSPs)\textsuperscript{8}; and
- Zero-Emission Motorcycles (ZEMs).

\textsuperscript{7} NEVs are defined as four-wheeled electric vehicles that have a maximum speed greater than 20 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 25 mph.

\textsuperscript{8} LSPs are defined as low-speed electric vehicles that have a maximum speed greater than 25 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 45 mph.
**DRIVE**\textsuperscript{EV} Application Process

The **DRIVE**\textsuperscript{EV} application is available on-line at [www.drive.ri.gov](http://www.drive.ri.gov). If you do not have access to the internet and would like a hard copy application mailed to you, please contact the Program Administrator at (401) 574-9117.

Applicants may apply for a rebate after purchasing a vehicle using the *post-purchase application*.

For *post-purchase applications*, the applicant must submit an application online at [www.drive.ri.gov](http://www.drive.ri.gov). From the date of purchase or lease, the applicant will have one hundred and twenty (120) days to apply and submit all required supporting documentation as specified on the **DRIVE**\textsuperscript{EV} application and in this Program Guidance Document.

If the applicant does not submit all required support documentation within one hundred and twenty (120) days, as indicated above, OER will release the “reserved” rebate funds back to the **DRIVE**\textsuperscript{EV} program and the applicant will need to submit a new application.

**DRIVE**\textsuperscript{EV} Required Supporting Documentation

*Post-purchase applications*

**DRIVE**\textsuperscript{EV} applicants must submit copies of the following supporting documents with the post-purchase application:

- A copy of the applicant’s Rhode Island driver’s license;
- A copy of the Rhode Island registration for the electric vehicle; and
- A copy of the signed and executed sales or lease contract (with an itemization of credits, discounts and incentives received).

*Following receipt of post-purchase applications, and all supporting documentation:*

OER will issue the appropriate level of rebate on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the application’s position in the rebate queue. Please note that if the applicant has already purchased the vehicle without pre-qualifying for the rebate first, there is not guarantee that a rebate will be awarded.

Failure to comply with all stated program requirements may result in denial and/or removal of an application. OER reserves the right to request additional supporting documentation, as necessary, to verify eligibility.
**DRIVE+ Program Overview – Individual Rebates**

DRIVE+ provides additional incentives of up to $2,000.00 for qualified Rhode Islanders who purchase or lease an eligible electric vehicle and meet certain income requirements.

Effective **07/07/2022** the rebate for DRIVE+ is as follows:

- $2,000.00 for the purchase/lease of new battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel-cell electric vehicles (FCEVs);
- $1,000.00 for the purchase/lease of new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs);
- $1,500.00 for the purchase/lease of used battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel-cell electric vehicles (FCEVs); and
- $750.00 for the purchase/lease of used plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs).

DRIVE+ rebates are contingent upon availability of funds. Incentives are reserved and/or awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.9

To qualify for the DRIVE+ rebate, applicants must participate in a State or Federal income-qualified program **OR** submit the Self-Attestation Form of Income (attached to the application) for those applicants who do not participate in an income-qualified program but meet the income-eligibility requirements highlighted below.

This program is available to Rhode Island residents who purchase or lease a qualifying vehicle from a licensed Rhode Island automobile dealership.

Applications are available online at [www.drive.ri.gov](http://www.drive.ri.gov).

From the date of vehicle purchase/lease, applicants will have **one hundred and twenty (120) days** to provide OER with all required supporting documentation, including copies of:

- A valid Rhode Island registration certificate for the electric vehicle;
- The final sales or lease agreement, including an itemization of credits, discounts, and incentives received (where applicable);
- Proof of participation on a State or Federal Income-qualified program; **or** complete/sign the Self-Attestation Form of Income (attached to the application)
- A Rhode Island driver’s license; and
- A signed W-9 form.

Importantly, if a qualified applicant does **not** submit all required supporting documentation

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9 Rebates will be made on a first-come, first-served basis based upon adherence to application requirements and contingent on funding availability. OER reserves the right to extend, modify, or terminate this program based on funding availability and/or other factors.
within one hundred and twenty (120) days, as indicated above, OER will release the “reserved” funds back to the DRIVE+ program and a new application will need to be submitted.

The DRIVE+ Program Administrator will communicate with the applicant regarding their application via email. It is the applicant’s responsibility to check all DRIVE+ related emails for status updates and requests for additional information or documents required to complete the application.

OER will review all submitted materials for completeness and to ensure the applicant meets all eligibility requirements.

If approved, OER will award the appropriate rebate amount directly to the applicant in a single payment, by check, within four to six (4-6) weeks from the date of final approval.10

OER reserves the right to modify the DRIVE+ program and its terms and conditions and/or terminate the program at its sole discretion. The submittal of an application form does not guarantee an award.

Applicants may also be eligible to qualify for Federal Tax Credits associated with EV purchases. Receipt of any federal tax credits does not disqualify an eligible applicant from this state program. For information on federal tax incentives for electric-drive vehicles, visit www.fueleconomy.gov.

10 Processing times may vary.
**DRIVE⁺ Rebate Breakdown**

The DRIVE⁺ program allows qualified Rhode Island residents to receive both a base program rebate and an enhanced, income-eligible rebate, as show in the chart below:

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**DRIVE⁺ Program Eligibility Requirements**

To qualify for the DRIVE⁺ rebate, applicants must participate in a State or Federal income-qualified program **OR** submit a self-attestation form of income for those applicants who **do not** participate in an income-qualified program **but meet the income-eligibility requirements highlighted below.**

**List of Qualifying State or Federal Low- Income Programs in RI¹¹:**

1. Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
2. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
3. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
4. RI Works Program
5. SSI State Supplemental Payment (SSP)
6. Medicaid/Medicare
7. Housing Program/Section 8

Applicants who participate in one (or more) of the income-qualified programs highlighted above must submit a document that, at minimum, provides:

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¹¹ If you participate on a State or Federal income-eligible program not listed, please contact the Program Administrator, at Energy.DriveEV@energy.ri.gov, or 401-574-9117.
1. Applicant name;
2. Name of the qualifying program (see list);
3. The government entity or the managed care organization that issued document; and
4. An issue date within the last 12 months or a future expiration date beyond the date of the DRIVE* application and approval.

Self-Attestation Form of Income

If you do not participate in a State or Federal Income-Qualified program, you may still qualify for the **DRIVE**+ rebate program by submitting a self-attestation of income form based on the **2022 Low-Income Guidelines**

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The applicant must understand that any false statement made in the submitted information may be punishable as under Rhode Island Law, and in accordance with any applicable statute.

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12 Income Guidelines are based upon State Median Income calculations with a calculation methodology. DRIVE* used the Low- Income Guidelines provided by the Department of Human Services [FFY 2022 Low Income Guidelines](https://rihealth.gov/human-services/forms-guidance/low-income-guidelines) | RI Department of Human Services. OER reserves the right to modify, or terminate this program based uponfunding availability and/or other factors.
**DRIVE+ Program Requirements and Rebate Amounts**

**New Vehicles**

**Summary of Program Requirements**

- Purchase or lease a new eligible EV with a final sales and purchase agreement price at or below $60,000.00
- Purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022
- Vehicle must be purchased or leased at a licensed Rhode Island Automobile Dealer (no person-to-person sales allowed).
- Vehicle must be registered with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Applicant must be a Rhode Island resident (RI driver’s license required).
- Proof of participation on a State or Federal Income-qualified program; or complete/sign the Self-Attestation Form of Income (attached to the application)
- Submit application and all supporting documents within one hundred and twenty (120) days of purchase/lease.
- One application per individual (per 48-month period).\(^{13}\)

For a new electric vehicle, the purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022 in order to be eligible for this program. *Electric vehicles purchased or leased prior to this date will not qualify for a rebate.*

Eligible vehicles must be purchased or leased by a Rhode Island resident at a licensed Rhode Island automotive dealership and registered in Rhode Island.

Purchased vehicles (new) must have a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $60,000.00.

Leased vehicles (new) are required to have a lease term of at least twenty-four (24) months to qualify for the program.

Effective 07/07/2022, rebate amounts for new EV purchases/leases are as follows:

- **$2,500.00** for new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or new Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs)
- **$1,500.00** rebate for new Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs)

\(^{13}\) Applicants will have to wait forty-eight (48) months from the date of the approved application to be eligible to reapply for the incentive rebate.
Used Vehicles

Summary of Program Requirements

- Purchase or lease a used eligible EV with a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $40,000.00.
- Purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022.
- Vehicle must be purchased or leased at a licensed Rhode Island Automobile Dealer (no person-to-person sales allowed).
- Vehicle must be registered with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Applicant must be a Rhode Island resident (RI driver’s license required).
- Proof of participation on a State or Federal Income-qualified program; or complete/sign the Self-Attestation Form of Income (attached to the application).
- Submit application and all supporting documents within one hundred and twenty (120) days of purchase/lease.
- One application per individual (per 48-month period).\(^\text{14}\)

For a used electric vehicle, the purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022 in order to be eligible for this program. Electric vehicles purchased or leased prior to this date will not qualify for a rebate.

Eligible vehicles must be purchased or leased by a Rhode Island resident at a licensed Rhode Island automotive dealership and registered in Rhode Island.

Purchased vehicles (used) must have a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $40,000.00.

Leased vehicles (used) are required to have a lease term of at least twenty-four (24) months to qualify for the program.

Effective 07/07/2022 rebate amounts for used EV purchases/leases are as follows:

- $1,500.00 for used Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or used Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs).
- $750.00 for used Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs).

Vehicle Eligibility

To be eligible for a DRIVE\(^+\) rebate, the electric vehicle must be at or below the final sales and purchase price agreement of $60,000.00 for new vehicles, and $40,000.00 for used vehicles. Please contact the Program Administrator at 401-574-9117, or Energy.DriveEV@energy.ri.gov.

\(^{14}\) Applicants will have to wait forty-eight (48) months from the date of the approved application to be eligible to reapply for the incentive rebate.
if you have any questions about vehicle eligibility prior to purchasing/leasing an EV.

**Vehicles not eligible for DRIVE⁺**

- Aftermarket plug-in hybrid electric and battery electric vehicle conversions;
- Electric scooters, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), electric bicycles, and electric busses;
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs)\textsuperscript{15} or Low-Speed Vehicles (LSPs)\textsuperscript{16}; and
- Zero-Emission Motorcycles (ZEMs).

\textsuperscript{15} NEVs are defined as four-wheeled electric vehicles that have a maximum speed greater than 20 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 25 mph.

\textsuperscript{16} LSPs are defined as low-speed electric vehicles that have a maximum speed greater than 25 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 45 mph.
**DRIVE+ Application Process**

The DRIVE+ application is available on-line at [www.drive.ri.gov](http://www.drive.ri.gov). If you do not have access to the internet and would like a hard copy application mailed to you, please contact the Program Administrator at (401) 574-9117.

Applicants may apply for a rebate after purchasing a vehicle using the *post-purchase application.*

For *post-purchase applications*, the applicant must submit an application online at [www.drive.ri.gov](http://www.drive.ri.gov). From the date of purchase or lease, the applicant will have **one hundred and twenty (120) days** to apply and submit all required supporting documentation as specified on the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} application and in this Program Guidance Document.

If the applicant does **not** submit all required support documentation within one hundred and twenty (120) days, as indicated above, OER will release the “reserved” rebate funds back to the DRIVE+ program and the applicant will need to submit a new application.

**DRIVE+ Required Supporting Documentation**

*Post-purchase applications*

DRIVE+ applicants must submit copies of the following supporting documents with the post-purchase application:

- A copy of the applicant’s Rhode Island driver’s license;
- Proof of participation on a State or Federal Income-qualified program; or complete/sign the Self-Attestation Form of Income (attached to the application);
- A copy of the Rhode Island registration for the electric vehicle; and
- A copy of the signed and executed sales or lease contract (with an itemization of credits, discounts and incentives received).

**Following receipt of post-purchase applications, and all supporting documentation:**

OER will issue the appropriate level of rebate on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the application’s position in the rebate queue. Please note that if the applicant has already purchased the vehicle without pre-qualifying for the rebate first, there is not guarantee that a rebate will be awarded.

Failure to comply with all stated program requirements may result in denial and/or removal of an application. OER reserves the right to request additional supporting documentation, as necessary, to verify eligibility.
DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET Program Overview

DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET provides EV rebates for qualified small businesses, non-profits, and public sector entities, as follows:

- \$2,500.00 for new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or New Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs); and
- \$1,500.00 for used Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or used Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs);

Qualified entities may submit an application(s) for up to five (5) vehicles every twenty-four (24) months.

Qualified entities for the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET program are defined as follows:
- RI Small-Businesses\textsuperscript{17} (defined as firms employing fewer than 500 employees – Per SBA.GOV definition)
- RI Non-Profits \textsuperscript{18}
- RI Public-Sector entities (e.g., State, Quasi-State, and municipal agencies; school districts and public libraries)

Qualified entities may be eligible for an additional \$1,000.00 rebate if located within these municipalities with the highest asthma rates due to traffic exposure, as defined by the Rhode Island Department of Health\textsuperscript{19}:
- Central Falls
- Cranston
- East Providence
- Pawtucket
- Providence

Applications for DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET are available online at www.drive.ri.gov

From the date of purchase/lease, applicants will then have one hundred and twenty (120) days to provide OER with all required supporting documentation, including copies of a valid Rhode Island registration certificate for the electric vehicle; the final sales or lease contract, including an itemization of credits, discounts, and incentives received (if applicable); a copy of a local business license, articles of incorporation, articles of organization, statement of information, or other formation documents filed with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, or other; and a signed W-9 form.

Importantly, if a qualified applicant does not submit all required support documentation within one hundred and twenty (120) days, as indicated above, OER will release the “reserved”

\textsuperscript{17} Small businesses are defined as firms employing fewer than 500 employees – Per SBA.GOV definition
\textsuperscript{18} RI Non-Profits are defined as 501(c)(3) organizations, which means they are formed for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes and are eligible for federal and state tax exemptions.
\textsuperscript{19} The traffic data comes from EPA EJScreen. Information provided by RIDOH. OER reserves the right to modify the list at any time based on new data provided by RIDOH.
rebate funds back to the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET program and a new application will need to be submitted.

The DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET Program Administrator will communicate with the applicant regarding their application via email. \textit{It is the applicant’s responsibility to check all DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET related emails for status updates and requests for additional information or documents required to complete the application.}

OER will review all submitted materials for completeness and to ensure the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. If approved, OER will award the appropriate rebate amount directly to the applicant in a single payment by check within four to six (4-6) weeks from the date of final approval.\textsuperscript{20}

\textit{OER reserves the right to modify the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET program and its terms and conditions and/or terminate the program at its sole discretion. The submittal of a rebate application form does not guarantee award.}

Applicants may also be eligible to qualify for Federal Tax Credits associated with EV purchases. Receipt of any federal tax credits does not disqualify an eligible applicant from this state program. For information on federal tax incentives for electric-drive vehicles, visit \url{www.fueleconomy.gov}.

**DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET Program Requirements and Rebates Amount**

**New Vehicles**

\textit{Summary of Program Requirements}

- Purchase or lease a new eligible EV with a final sales and purchase agreement price at or below $60,000.00
- Purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022
- Vehicle must be purchased or leased at a licensed Rhode Island Automobile Dealer (no person-to-person sales allowed).
- Vehicle must be registered with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Entity must be registered to do business in Rhode Island (proof of registration will be required with the exemption of Public Sector entities).
- Submit application and all supporting documents within one hundred and twenty (120) days of purchase/lease.
- One application up to 5 vehicles (per 24-month period).\textsuperscript{21}

For a new electric vehicle, the purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022 in order to be eligible for this program. \textit{Electric vehicles purchased or leased prior to this date will not qualify for a rebate.}

\textsuperscript{20} Processing times may vary.
\textsuperscript{21} Applicants will have to wait twenty-four months to reapply for the program.
Eligible vehicles must be purchased or leased by a Rhode Island entity at a licensed Rhode Island automotive dealership and registered in Rhode Island.

Purchased vehicles (new) must have a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $60,000.00.

Leased vehicles (new) are required to have a lease term of at least twenty-four (24) months to qualify for the program.

Effective 07/07/2022, rebate amounts for new EV purchases/leases are as follows:

- **$2,500.00** for new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or new Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs)

**Used Vehicles**

**Summary of Program Requirements**

- Purchase or lease a used eligible EV with a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $40,000.00
- Purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022
- Vehicle must be purchased or leased at a licensed Rhode Island Automobile Dealer (no person-to-person sales allowed).
- Vehicle must be registered with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Entity must be registered to do business in Rhode Island (proof of registration will be required with the exemption of Public Sector entities).
- Submit application and all supporting documents within one hundred and twenty (120) days of purchase/lease.
- One application up to 5 vehicles (per 24-month period).\(^{22}\)

For a used electric vehicle, the purchase or lease date must be on or after 07/07/2022 in order to be eligible for this program. **Electric vehicles purchased or leased prior to this date will not qualify for a rebate.**

Eligible vehicles must be purchased or leased by a Rhode Island entity at a licensed Rhode Island automotive dealership and registered in Rhode Island.

Purchased vehicles (used) must have a final sales and purchase price agreement at or below $40,000.00.

Leased vehicles (used) are required to have a lease term of at least twenty-four (24) months to

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\(^{22}\) Applicants will have to wait twenty-four months to reapply for the program
qualify for the program.

Effective 07/07/2022 rebate amounts for used EV purchases/leases are as follows:

- $1,500.00 for used Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) or used Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs).

**Vehicle Eligibility**

To be eligible for the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET rebate, the electric vehicle must be at or below the final sales and purchase price agreement of $60,000.00 for new vehicles, and $40,000.00 for used vehicles. Please contact the Program Administrator at 401-574-9117, or Energy.DriveEV@energy.ri.gov if you have any questions about vehicle eligibility prior to purchasing/leasing an EV.

**Vehicles not eligible for DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET**

- Aftermarket plug-in hybrid electric and battery electric vehicle conversions;
- Electric scooters, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), electric bicycles, and electric busses;
- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs)
- or Low-Speed Vehicles (LSPs); and
- Zero-Emission Motorcycles (ZEMs).

**DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET Application Process**

The DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET application is available on-line at www.drive.ri.gov. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a hard copy application mailed to you, please contact the Program Administrator at (401) 574-9117.

The applicant must submit an application online at www.drive.ri.gov. From the date of purchasing or leasing the vehicle, the Rhode Island entity will have one hundred and twenty (120) days to apply and submit all required support documentation as specified on the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET application. If the applicant does not submit all required support documentation within one hundred and twenty (120) days, as indicated above, OER will release the “reserved” rebate funds back to the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET program and a new application will need to be submitted.

At a minimum, DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} FLEET applicants must provide copies of the following support documents:

- A copy of the Rhode Island registration for the electric vehicles;
- A copy of the signed and executed sales or lease contract (with an itemization of credits,

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\textsuperscript{23} NEVs are defined as four-wheeled electric vehicles that have a maximum speed greater than 20 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 25 mph.

\textsuperscript{24} LSPs are defined as low-speed electric vehicles that have a maximum speed greater than 25 miles per hour (mph) but not more than 45 mph.
discounts and incentives received);

- A copy of a local business license, articles of incorporation, articles of organization, statement of information, or other formation documents filed with the Rhode Island Secretary of State, or other; and

OER will issue the appropriate level of rebate on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the application’s position in the rebate queue.

Failure to comply with all stated program requirements may result in removal of an applicant’s application and may require the applicant to re-submit their application and/or support documentation; and/or result in the denial of an application by OER. OER reserves the right to request additional support documentation, as necessary, to verify eligibility.
Appeals Process

The Commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources will consider appeals related to the denial of a rebate application on a case-by-case basis. A request for appeal must be submitted, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of application denial to Energy.DriveEV@energy.ri.gov

Contact Info

For general questions and inquiries regarding the DRIVE\textsuperscript{EV} Rebate Program or other clean transportation initiatives in Rhode Island, please contact Sara Canabarro, OER’s Clean Transportation Program Manager, at Sara.Canabarro@energy.ri.gov or (401) 574-9117.
## Examples of Supporting Documents

**Sample Vehicle Registration Form (TR-1 Form)**

### A. Owner’s Information (Individual or Company)

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### B. Lessee’s Information (If Vehicle is Leased)

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<td>IS YOUR REGISTRATION, LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE REVOKED?</td>
<td>YES ☐ NO ☐</td>
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<td>FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED?</td>
<td>YES ☐ NO ☐</td>
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### E. Vehicle Information (All Fields Are Mandatory)

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<td>MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS/SCOOTERS ONLY</td>
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<td>PEDAL ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐</td>
<td>ENGINE SIZE (CC) ☐ MAX SPEED (MPH) ☐</td>
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<td>CENTER OF STEERING AXLE TO CENTER OF EXTREME REAR AXLE</td>
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### G. Lien Information (Complete If There’s A Vehicle Loan)

1. LIENHOLDER NAME:
2. STREET ADDRESS:
3. CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:
4. DATE OF LIEN:
5. SECOND OWNER’S INFORMATION, IF APPLICABLE
   - SECOND OWNER’S NAME:
   - STREET ADDRESS:
   - CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:
   - DATE OF LIEN:

### H. Signature

1. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES THAT THE ABOVE DECLARED VEHICLE AND ASSOCIATED INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DO YOU CONSENT TO SUCH A DISCLOSURE? YES ☐ NO ☐

OWNER’S SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED IF NOT PRESENT DURING TRANSACTION

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Example Purchase and Sales Agreement Form
Sample Rhode Island Driver’s License
Example of W-9 Form

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a TIN, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

or

Employer identification number

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have reported all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person

Date

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN). To report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
• Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
• Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
• Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
• Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
• Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
• Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
• Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
• Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN. If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.
Self-Attestation of Income Form

Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
1 Capitol Hill, 4th Fl
Providence, RI 02908

DRIVE Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

Application number: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Attestation of Income

[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

(first name)

[middle name]

(last name)

attest that my annual income for the benefit year [XXXX] in which I will receive the incentive rebate for an electric vehicle is $[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ].

(annual income)

I acknowledge that the information provided on this form will only be used for purposes of eligibility determination for the DRIVE+ incentive rebate program. The RI Office of Energy Resources will keep this information private, as required by federal and state law.

I do hereby attest that this information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any falsification may subject me to disqualification from the DRIVE+ incentive rebate program.

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]