

Dear Colleague,

15 December 2021

## **Changes to the Plug-in Car Grant**

The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) is the Government Office that administers the Plug-in Car Grant (PiCG) scheme. They have announced several changes that apply from **07:00 today (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021)**.

### **Plug- in Car Grant:**

Previous rates/ eligibility criteria:

- Grant rate - 35% of purchase price, up to £2,500
- Cars must cost less than £35,000. This is the recommended retail price (RRP) inclusive of VAT and delivery fees.
- These vehicles have CO2 emission of less than 50g/km and can travel at least 112km (70 miles) without any emissions at all

New rates/ eligibility criteria:

- Grant rate (1) - 35% of purchase price, up to £1,500
- Grant rate (2) - 35% of purchase price, up to £2,500 for cars which are converted to wheelchair accessible
- Cars must cost less than £32,000. This is the recommended retail price (RRP), inclusive of VAT and delivery fees (see Plug in Car Grant Application Guidance for full definition)
- Cars which are converted to wheelchair accessible must cost less than £35,000 (subject to limits set out below). This is the recommended retail price (RRP) inclusive of VAT, delivery fees, and excludes conversion costs (see Plug in Car Grant Application Guidance for full definition)
- These vehicles have no tailpipe CO2 emissions and can travel at least 112km (70 miles)
- There are a total of 250 wheelchair accessible vehicle grants available until 31 March 2022, and a further 1000 available between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

### **Plug-in Van Grant (N1/Light Commercial Vehicles):**

Previous rates/ eligibility criteria:

- 35% of purchase price up to £3,000 for small vans < 2.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight (t GVW)
- 35% of purchase price up to £6,000 for large vans 2.5-3.5t GVW

#### New rates/ eligibility criteria:

- 35% of purchase price up to £2,500 for small vans < 2.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight (t GVW)
- 35% of purchase price up to £5,000 for large vans 2.5-3.5t GVW
- There are no changes to grant rates for vehicles over 3.5 tonnes.
- New introduction by OZEV - Each business, organisation or individual may receive up to 1000 grants each financial year (1 April to 31 March). Limits apply to end customers and not to lease companies. Orders placed on the portal before 07:00 on 15 December 2021 will not be counted towards this year's limits.
- Existing per customer and total limits on Plug in Truck Grant orders will continue to apply.

#### Plug-in Motorcycle Grant:

##### Previous rates/ eligibility criteria:

- 20% of purchase price up to £1,500 for Mopeds
- 20% of purchase price up to £1,500 for Motorcycles

##### New rates/ eligibility criteria:

- 35% of purchase price up to £150 for Mopeds
- 35% of purchase price up to £500 for Motorcycles
- Mopeds and Motorcycles must cost less than £10,000. This is the recommended retail price (RRP) including VAT and delivery fees.

#### Adding end customers to the Grant portal

OZEV are introducing a requirement that orders across all of the grant schemes must now include a valid 'end customer' when they are created on the portal. Where the order is a lease order this means the lease company's customer not the lease company themselves. Any claims made without this information or found to contain the wrong customer details will be cancelled.

#### Next steps and further details:

- To implement these changes, the portal has been taken offline from 7am today. When the portal is back online changes to the portal will have been completed to reflect the above changes.
- A revised list of vehicles which are now eligible for the grants will be available around midday today (15 December 2021) [here](#)
- If you have any questions please contact the following:
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  - OZEV – [plugingrants@dft.gov.uk](mailto:plugingrants@dft.gov.uk)