



Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program Guidance

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will offer an opportunity to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residents to apply for a rebate when they purchase a new alternative fuel vehicle. This program was established under ACT 178 of 2004 to help reduce the Commonwealth's dependence on imported oil and to improve the environmental quality by using alternative fuels.

Rebate request forms and required documentation must be submitted and postmarked **no later than six months** after the vehicle is purchased. Documentation for vehicle purchase is kept on file with the DEP Grants Center. The rebate will be offered on a first come-first served basis as long as funding is available.

Eligibility and Rebate Amounts

An Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) must be a new vehicle with an odometer reading of less than 500 miles at the time of purchase.

- \$3,500 rebate for a Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) (battery system capacity equal/greater than 10 kWh) and Battery Electric Vehicle (EV) (battery system capacity equal/greater than 10 kWh) **(the first 500 qualified applicants only**)**.
- \$1,000 rebate for a PHEV or EV (battery system capacity less than 10 kWh).
- \$1,000 rebate for a Natural Gas fueled vehicle (CNG) OEM/Certified Retrofit.
- \$1,000 rebate for a Propane fueled vehicles (LPG).
- \$1,000 rebate for a Hydrogen and/or Fuel Cell vehicles (FC).
- \$500 rebate for an Electric motorcycles/scooters (EMC).

Flexible fuel, hybrid and biodiesel vehicles are not eligible for a rebate.

**Visit the DEP website for an up-to-date listing of rebate availability at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebates.

Definitions

Commonwealth Resident – An individual that resides in the commonwealth and whose name(s) appear on the vehicle registration, invoice and rebate form.

Alternative Fuel Vehicle – A self-propelled vehicle operating on an alternative fuel designed for transporting persons or property. For the purpose of this rebate program this term includes Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV), battery electric vehicles (EV), compressed natural gas vehicles (CNG) including retrofits/conversions, liquid propane powered vehicles (LPG), hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles (FC) and electric motorcycles and scooters. (EMC)

Rebate – A reimbursement for the purchase of a new alternative fuel vehicle. A new alternative fuel vehicle that is eligible for a rebate shall be:

- (1) Registered in this Commonwealth at the time of purchase or if purchased outside of the Commonwealth the vehicle must be registered in the Commonwealth within 10 days after entry into the Commonwealth and
- (2) An automobile or vehicle, the equitable or legal title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to an ultimate purchaser, and
- (3) Not a used motor vehicle as per 037 Pa. Code 301.1 Definitions (Used motor vehicle); a motor vehicle which has been sold, bargained, exchanged or given away; which has had title transferred from the person who first acquired it from the manufacturer or dealer; or which has an odometer reading of 500 miles or more, not including mileage incurred in delivery from the manufacturer or in transporting the vehicle between dealers for sale.

Instructions

A completed rebate form for the purchase of a new alternative fuel vehicle by a Commonwealth resident must be submitted and postmarked no later than six months after the purchase and shall include the following:

- (1) A completed rebate form. The resident's Social Security number must be included on the rebate form if a rebate for an eligible PHEV or EV is being applied for. If the vehicle is purchased and registered under two names, both social security numbers must be included. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant must provide a letter from the Social Security Administration that denied the applicant's request for a social security number.
- (2) A copy of a valid Pennsylvania vehicle registration. The name appearing on the vehicle registration card must appear on the invoice. A Pennsylvania Certificate Of Title For A Vehicle is not acceptable. A temporary Pennsylvania registration is acceptable.
- (3) A copy of the invoice or the bill of sale. This document will be used to determine if the vehicle is an alternative fuel vehicle.
- (4) Proof of the vehicle purchase. This can be a copy of the front and back of a cancelled check, the finance agreement, or an invoice indicating a zero balance due and receipt of payment in full.
- (5) Failure to submit all documentation will result in the rebate form being returned to you. This could result in a rebate not being issued.

Rebate Requests and Submittal

A rebate form may be obtained at DEP's website, www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebates, or by contacting the AFV Program at 866-294-3854, 717-214-3492. Rebate documentation should be submitted to: DEP Grants Center, AFV Rebate, PO Box 8776, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8776.

Please note: rebates issued as a part of this program are taxable income will result in the issuance of a 1099 form for the taxable year in which you received the rebate. Questions? Please contact the AFV Program at 866-294-3854, 717-214-3492 or at epafiginfo@state.pa.us.