

# Delaware Clean Vehicle Rebate Program

## The Alternative Bi-Fuel Vehicle Program

### Purpose

The purpose of the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program is to provide incentives for Delawareans and Delaware businesses to purchase or lease alternative fuel vehicles. This program encourages the deployment of electric, natural gas, and propane powered vehicles and is aligned with Delaware's commitment to innovation in the transportation sector, reducing greenhouse gases, and improving Delaware's air quality. For more information on this program please visit [www.de.gov/cleantransportation](http://www.de.gov/cleantransportation).

The purpose of the Alternative Bi-fuel Program is to encourage the use and deployment of bi-fuel (specifically propane and natural gas) vehicle technologies. Bi-fuel vehicles for this program are defined as those vehicles that have two separate fueling systems that enable them to run on either propane or natural gas and a conventional fuel.

### Program

Rebates for purchase or lease of eligible bi-fueled vehicles are available to eligible applicants under the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program in the State of Delaware:

- New Bi-Fuel Vehicles: Rebates of \$1,350.00 are available for the purchase or lease of a new bi-fuel vehicle.

### Program Deadlines

Eligible new or retrofitted alternative fuel vehicles must be purchased or leased between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All rebate applications must be postmarked between these dates in order to be eligible for the program. The program will continue until all funding has been exhausted or June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, whichever comes first.

### Applicant Eligibility

The following individuals and entities are eligible for rebates under the Delaware Clean Vehicle Rebate Program:

- Delaware residents or,
- Businesses, non-profit organizations, or other organizations with both a physical address in Delaware and a Delaware business license or,
- State agencies or departments, municipal governments, or county governments in the State of Delaware or,
- Active duty military members stationed in Delaware with a temporary Delaware residential address, but with permanent residency in another state are eligible to apply and may use a proof of service letter in lieu of other proof of residence documentation.

All applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

- A complete Clean Vehicle Rebate: Bi-Fuel Program application and,
- A proof of residency or operation in the state of Delaware:
  - A copy of the applicant's driver's license, or
  - A copy of a Military proof of service letter, or
  - A copy of an applicant's Delaware business license
- A copy of the sales slip or lease agreement

In addition the applicant must submit a W-9 form ONLINE, which can be found [here](#).

Applicants should consult and use the "Step by Step Guide" to ensure that all required information has been submitted. This guide can be found at [www.de.gov/cleantransportation](http://www.de.gov/cleantransportation)

### **New Vehicle Eligibility**

The Delaware Clean Vehicle Rebate Program provides rebates for the purchase or lease of new bi-fuel vehicle that uses a conventional fuel AND propane or compressed natural gas. The vehicle MUST be able to use propane or natural gas as the alternative fuel.

To be eligible for a rebate, an eligible vehicle must be purchased between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Delaware Division of Energy and Climate reserves the right to suspend or extend the program at any time based on availability of funding.

The following criteria must be met in order for a vehicle to qualify for a rebate:

- The vehicle must be a bi-fueled vehicle
  - **Bi-Fueled Vehicles** are those vehicles that have two separate fueling systems that enable them to run on either propane OR natural gas and a conventional fuel (gasoline or diesel).
- Rebates for bi-fuel vehicles are \$1,350.00.
- Only class 1-6 vehicles are eligible for this rebate program.
- Vehicles must have a gross vehicle weight rating of less than (<) 26,000lbs.
- The vehicle must be titled and registered as new in Delaware. No transfer registrations will be accepted.
- Vehicles purchased out of state are eligible if:
  - Applicant is a Delaware resident, active duty military member stationed in Delaware, or a Delaware based businesses at the time of vehicle purchase or lease.
  - The vehicle is new and registered in Delaware. Transfer registrations are not eligible under this rebate program.
- The vehicle must have a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour.
- The vehicle must be designed and intended primarily for use on public highways, streets, and roads.
- The vehicle must be capable of passing the Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles Inspection.
- The vehicle must be for the use of the applicant, business, or organization, and not for resale purposes.
- If the vehicle is leased, the lease terms must be for NO LESS than 36 months/3 years.

### **Leased Bi-Fuel Vehicle Eligibility**

In addition to the above,

- Rebates for leased electric vehicles are \$1,350.00 for bi-fueled vehicles.
- Lease terms must be no less than 36 months/3 years
- Leased vehicles (classes 1-6) are eligible for the Delaware Clean Vehicle Rebate Program
- To obtain a rebate for a leased vehicle, purchasers must submit the terms of the lease program for the car. The lease terms must be NO LESS THAN 36 months/ 3 years to qualify.
- All lease documentation must be approved and signed off by a dealer to qualify.
- Please contact a dealer for details, vehicles available for lease, and information on leasing options.

### **Retrofitted Bi-Vehicle Eligibility**

#### **Retrofitted Electric Vehicle Eligibility**

The Clean Vehicle Rebate Program provides rebates for bi-fuel vehicle retrofits completed between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The program will provide \$1,350 for the retrofit of an internal combustion engine into a bi-fuel vehicle (bi-fuel must be propane or natural gas) completed by a U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified retrofitter. Home retrofits will not be accepted in the rebate program. For a list of certified Delaware retrofitters, email [DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us](mailto:DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us). The program provides rebates for retrofits completed between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The following criteria must be met in order for a retrofitted bi-fuel vehicle to qualify for a rebate:

- The vehicle to be retrofitted must have an existing internal combustion engine being retrofitted to a bi-fuel engine that runs on propane OR natural gas as well as gasoline OR diesel.
- The retrofit must be certified or approved by either the U.S. EPA or California Air Resources Board (CARB) for that particular make, model, model year, and engine type. Conversions that are not certified or approved by U.S. EPA or CARB for the particular vehicle are not eligible for this program.
- The vehicle conversion must be performed by a U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified Delaware retrofitter. All retrofits must be approved by the Division of Energy and Climate.
- The retrofitted vehicle must have a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour.
- The retrofitted vehicle must be designed and intended primarily for use on public highways, streets, and roads.
- The retrofitted vehicle must be capable of passing the Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles Inspection.
- The retrofitted vehicle must be titled and registered for the first time in Delaware.
- The vehicle must be retrofitted for the use of the applicant, and not for resale purposes.
- Vehicles must have a gross vehicle weight rating of less than (<) 26,000lbs

#### **Additional Guidelines for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program**

- Documents submitted should be legible and complete, with all necessary supporting documents. All incomplete or illegible documents will be returned to the applicant, leading to delays in rebate processing time.

- Incomplete package that is missing supporting documents will be returned to the applicant without being processed. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documentation and signatures are included in the application package.
- Clean vehicles must be titled and registered for the first time in the State of Delaware.
- Individuals are limited to one (1) rebate during this round of funding.
- Businesses, non-profits, and government agencies are limited to six (6) rebates under this round of funding.
- DNREC, or an authorized representative, reserves the right to contact all rebate applicants in the future regarding satisfaction with the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, driving and charging behavior, and alternative fuel vehicle driver satisfaction.

### **Taxability of Vehicle Rebates**

In order for applicants to receive a rebate, the applicant **MUST** submit a W-9 form [ONLINE](#). Any W-9 forms submitted with an application will be shredded immediately. The link to the State of Delaware W-9 online page is <https://w9.accounting.delaware.gov/W9form.aspx> . Applications will not be processed without this documentation.

Rebates may be considered taxable income by the IRS. Please consult your tax professional.

### **Apply for a Rebate**

To apply for a bi-fuel vehicle rebate under the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, please download an [application](#) and submit the completed application via email to [DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us](mailto:DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us) or via mail to The Delaware Division of Energy and Climate, 100 W. Water Street, Energy & Climate – Suite 5A, Dover, DE 19904. Applications must be signed by the applicant and all supporting documents must be submitted. Applications may be scanned and emailed to [DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us](mailto:DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us) or mailed to the mailing address above.

### **Participating Dealerships**

There are several dealerships in Delaware who are able to accept the rebate on the customer's behalf, and roll the rebate into the customer's monthly lease or financing payments. For a list of the participating dealerships in Delaware, please visit [www.de.gov/cleantransportation](http://www.de.gov/cleantransportation).

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Please click [here](#) to see a list of Frequently Asked Questions. If you have additional questions, please email [DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us](mailto:DNREC.Transportation@state.de.us)