

# **MOR-EV Outreach FAQ**

# **General Project Questions**

#### Is the state incentive a tax credit or rebate?

The MOR-EV statewide incentive comes in the form of a check mailed directly to the applicant after the completion of the application process.

## What determines the different rebate amounts?

Rebate amounts are dependent on vehicle type and battery capacity. \$1,500 rebates are available for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and electric vehicles with less than a 10KWh electrochemical energy storage capacity (e.g., battery or fuel cell). \$2,500 rebates are available for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles with more than a 10KWh electrochemical energy storage capacity.

# I bought an eligible vehicle before June 18, 2014. Am I eligible to apply?

Vehicle purchase or lease date must be on or after start of program on June 18, 2014 to be rebate eligible. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has identified the program start date as the official eligibility date in order to measure the impact of the MOR-EV program on electric vehicle adoption in the state.

## Can you purchase an eligible vehicle out of state?

Eligible vehicles can be purchased outside the state of Massachusetts, but must be registered with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) first and not be previously registered in any other state.

## Who is eligible to apply for a rebate?

The MOR-EV program currently only offers rebates to consumers. Businesses, fleets or other entities are not eligible to apply.

# **Application Process Questions**

#### What are the applicant requirements?

- Be a Massachusetts resident.
- Be a purchaser or lessee of a new eligible vehicle and submit a MOR-EV application within 3 months of the vehicle purchase or lease date and prior to exhaustion of available rebate funds.
- Purchase or lease an eligible vehicle before applying for a rebate. Vehicle purchase or lease date must be on or after start of program on June 18, 2014. Lease terms of at least 36 months are required for program eligibility.
- Retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 36 consecutive months immediately after the vehicle purchase or lease date.
- Register the new vehicle with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles for a minimum of 36 consecutive months for use in Massachusetts.

#### When can I apply?

Massachusetts residents are eligible to apply after taking possession of an eligible vehicle, but must apply within 3 months of taking possession to be eligible.

## What are the vehicle requirements?

- The vehicle must be new and manufactured by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or its authorized licensee.
- The vehicle must be on the list of Eligible Vehicles on the date of purchase or lease.
- Zero-emission motorcycles (ZEMs) must meet the definitions required in the MOR-EV Program Implementation Manual.

## When will I receive my check?

You can expect to receive your check within 75 calendar days of your application approval.

## What supporting documents are needed?

- A printed copy of the submitted application signed by the vehicle purchaser, lessee or authorized representative;
- A copy of the Massachusetts registration certificate for the vehicle;
- A copy of the final sales or lease contract with an itemization of credits, discounts and incentives received, if applicable;
- A copy of a Massachusetts driver's license or other valid form of Massachusetts residency as approved by the Administrator.

## Who can I contact if I have questions?

MOR-EV program staff is available at 866-900-4223 and more information is available online at <a href="https://www.mor-ev.org">www.mor-ev.org</a>.

## **Other Electric Vehicle Incentive Questions**

#### How does the federal tax credit work?

Federal tax credits of up to \$7,500 are available based on vehicle battery capacity. Lessees typically receive the credit towards the monthly lease payment amount. Consumers purchasing eligible vehicles receive the tax credit directly and can apply the credit to their taxes during the following tax season. Visit <a href="www.fueleconomy.gov">www.fueleconomy.gov</a> for details on the program. We recommend you discuss the credit with your accountant or tax advisor.

## **Living with an Electric Vehicle**

## How much does it cost to charge an electric vehicle?

The cost of a gallon of gas in the state of Massachusetts is roughly twice as much as the electric "egallon" equivalent. An egallon is the cost of fueling a vehicle with electricity compared to a similar vehicle that runs on gasoline. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.energy.gov/egallon">www.energy.gov/egallon</a>.

#### Where will I plug in my electric vehicle?

Most electric vehicles are charged at home, either through a standard 120-volt outlet (referred to as Level 1 charging) for a slower charge, or through a 240-volt outlet (Level 2 charging, using the same type of outlet for powering a washer/dryer unit) for a quicker charge. Charging time can vary based on the battery capacity for the vehicle model you purchased, and the level of charging used.

Public charging is becoming more available, and sites such as plugshare.com can provide updated locations of public charging stations. While Level 2 chargers are the most commonly available public chargers today, DC Fast Charging stations that offer a full charge in ~30 minutes are also being installed across the state.