

Clean Car Discount

Rebates from 1 July
to 31 December 2021



Guide for motor vehicle traders (dealers)

New Zealand's goal is to be carbon neutral by 2050 and the Government has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions (primarily carbon dioxide CO₂) to 30% below 2005 levels by 2030. Approximately half of our CO₂ emissions come from transport, of which two-thirds come from light vehicles – cars, SUVs, vans, utes and trucks under 3.5 tonnes.

The Clean Car Discount makes it easier to choose to buy an electric or low-emission light vehicle that's better for the environment by reducing the cost of new and used fuel-efficient vehicles imported into New Zealand.

A discount in the form of a rebate is available for imported new and used light electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) registered between 1 July and 31 December 2021.

Rebates available (GST included)	New vehicle	Used import
Battery electric vehicle (zero emission)	\$8625	\$3450
Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (low emission)	\$5750	\$2300

Cars sold today will, on average, be on the road for the next 20 years, so the rebate is higher for new EVs and PHEVs because they will have a longer life and reduce CO₂ emissions for longer.

Check the vehicle is eligible for a rebate

To qualify for a rebate, the eligibility criteria must be met. A vehicle must cost less than \$80,000, including GST and on-road charges, and have a safety rating of 3 stars or more on the Rightcar website www.rightcar.co.nz.

It must be the first time the vehicle has been registered in New Zealand. Vehicles bought before 1 July but not registered until after that date qualify. If, due to demand, funds are exhausted, no rebate will be paid. Once the scheme restarts, only vehicles registered from the restart date will be eligible for a rebate.

Petrol hybrids are popular vehicles but are not charged from electricity and are therefore not eligible for the 1 July to 31 December 2021 rebate.

Applying for a rebate

Car buyers may need help to apply online for their rebate and you may want to assist them.

The vehicle must be registered before a rebate application is submitted because the plate number is needed on the application.

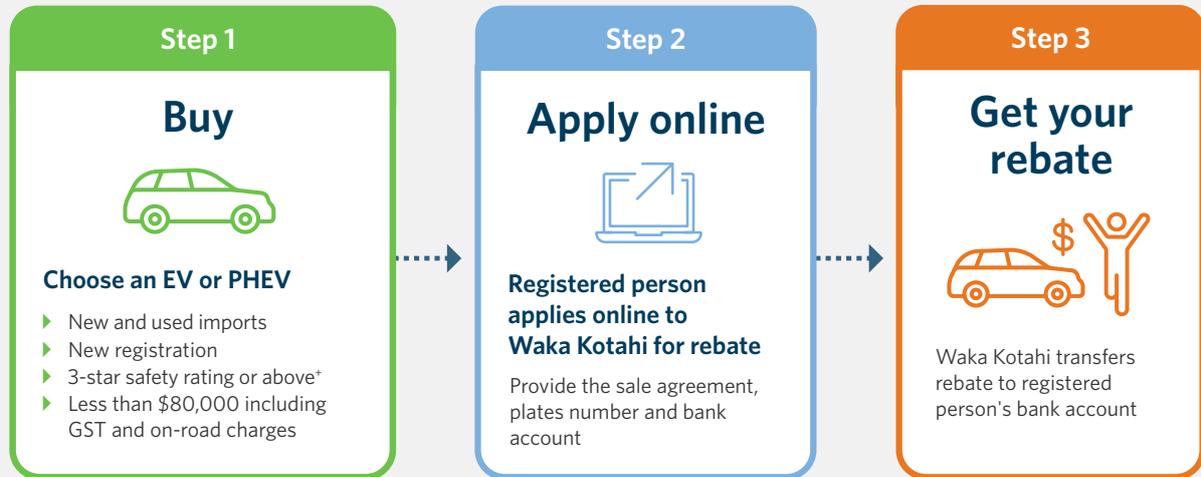
The signed sales agreement document is also required.

Rebates can only be paid into the bank account of the registered person and bank account details must be submitted in pdf, png and jpeg form (not more than 5mb).

If funding permits, applications for rebates will be accepted until 28 February 2022 for vehicles registered between 1 July and 31 December 2021.

What are the rebates?

New EV: **\$8625*** New PHEV: **\$5750*** Used EV: **\$3450*** Used PHEV: **\$2300***



Key

EV = Battery Electric Vehicle
PHEV = Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle

*Subject to available funding. All figures include GST

*Safety ratings available at www.rightcar.govt.nz

Claiming a rebate after registration

Providing the vehicle has not been delivered or the registered person has taken possession of it, an MR2D, an Application to Reverse Registration, can be submitted to enable the registered person to claim a rebate.

The following criteria must be met:

- The dealer completing the MR2D must be the dealer who registered the vehicle.
- The form must be submitted by a registered dealer.
- The vehicle must not have been driven since it was registered.
- The MR2D, licence plates, rego label and supporting documentation must be received by the Waka Kotahi Palmerston North office within 28 days of the MR2A being processed (the vehicle registered).

This documentation needs to accompany the MR2D application:

- A written request on letterhead from the dealer who registered the vehicle, advising why the customer did not take possession.
- A signed disclaimer from the registered person stating why they did not take possession.
- Licence plates (unless they are personalised plates).
- Original rego label.

A refund will be paid to the dealer once the application has been accepted. These fees will be deducted from the refund: a handling fee of \$57.50 (plus GST) and an administration fee from the licence portion of the original transaction (\$6.26 plus GST). Because the plate(s) and label are not reusable, the fees for those will also be deducted.

Processing times for MR2Ds can be found at www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/current-application-processing-times

When dealers qualify for a rebate

Dealers who want to buy a vehicle for a legitimate business use, such as a demo vehicle or a courtesy car for customers to use, may be eligible for a rebate if the vehicle was registered after 1 July.

A declaration is required stating that the vehicle is not for on-selling (ie, it is for legitimate business purposes or individual use).

The declaration is to be included in the uploaded scanned file of the sale agreement or internal equivalent, which must include the vehicle identification number (VIN).

Dealer registrations for any other purpose will invalidate the rebate claim for the dealer and any subsequent purchaser of the vehicle.

The Clean Car Discount from 2022

Subject to legislation being passed, from 2022 the Clean Car Discount will consist of rebates and fees for imported new and used vehicles based on CO₂ emission ratings.

High CO₂ emission vehicles will be charged a fee, the higher the CO₂ rating the greater the fee. Low CO₂ emission vehicles will qualify for a rebate, the lower the emissions the greater the rebate.

The Clean Car Discount is intended to be cost neutral with fees charged offsetting discounts given, subject to available funding.

Rebates and fees will be set according to World Harmonised Light-duty Vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP). CO₂ emission ratings and will be reviewed regularly.

Rebates and fees for 2022 will be finalised later this year. Further information on the Clean Car Discount will be provided in coming months.

For further information go to: www.nzta.govt.nz/cleancar or email cleancars@nzta.govt.nz