

# Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection





### **CHEAPR Program Update Overview**



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- CHEAPR Program
  - Started in 2015 as a pilot program with ad-hoc funding
  - re-established under a Board in 2019 with dedicated funding
    - Board responsible for setting rebate levels and evaluating program
    - \$3M in funding each year through 2025
- CHEAPR re-launched on June 7, 2021
  - Increased incentive levels
  - Used EVs eligible
  - Program components
    - Standard Rebate: available on new EV purchase/lease
    - Rebate+ New: additional incentive on new EV for LMI applicants
    - Rebate+ Used: available for used EV purchase/lease to LMI applicants only



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#### **New Rebate Levels**

Starting June 7 through December 2021 or until funds are exhausted, CHEAPR rebate levels are as follows:

- Standard Rebate (MSRP cap: \$42K for BEV &PHEV; \$60K for FCEV)
  - \$2,250 for a new BEV
  - \$750 for a new PHEV
  - \$7,500 for a new FCEV
- Rebate+ New (LMI)
  - \$2,000 additional for a new BEV
  - \$1,500 additional for a new PHEV
  - \$2,000 additional for a new FCEV
- Rebate+ Used (LMI)
  - \$3,000 for a used BEV
  - \$1,125 for a used PHEV
  - \$7,500 for a used FCEV



## Rebate+ Component

- Rebate+ is a Post-Purchase Rebate
  - A cost-effective program design that works best for LMI applicants and auto dealers
  - LMI applicants apply in less than 15 minutes online using Program Admin's (CSE) secure portal or can mail in application.
  - Requires Income Verification
    - CSE will verify applicant's eligibility using Categorical Eligibility: participation in other state and federal income qualified programs used as proxy.
  - Accepted Programs on the following slide



### **Accepted Categorical Eligibility Programs**

Program		Acceptable Documentation	Maximum Age of Document
Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)	•	CEAP Eligibility Confirmation Letter	12 months
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)	•	CT-WAP Participation Card or similar form by the Community Action Agency (CAA)	12 months
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	•	SNAP Notice of Eligibility	12 months
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), Tribal TANF	•	Award Letter or Notice of Action	12 months
Head Start Income	•	Award Letter or Notice of Action Approved Head Start application or Enrollment in Head Start	12 months
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	•	Benefits Verification Letter	12 months
National School Breakfast and Lunch Program (NSLP)	•	Notice of Application Approval	Within current school year
Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance	•	Award Letter or Notice of Action	12 months
Medicaid	•	Award Letter or Notice of Action	12 months
HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)	•	Award Letter or Notice of Action Housing Voucher	12 months 12 months



#### POS & Post Purchase Application Process

Point of Sale (POS) Workflow

Dealer creates account; accesses dashboard

Dealer verifies applicant's eligibility

Dealer completes & submits application

reviews, approves, and pays dealer

#### New Vehicle Post Purchase Workflow

After POS rebate paid, email sent to LMI applicant

If eligible, applicant contacts CSE Applicant creates acct & applies for LMI rebate

CHEAPR team reviews, approves, issues rebate

#### Used Vehicle Post Purchase Workflow

Applicant creates acct to access their dashboard

Applicant applies, including all vehicle info

Applicant uploads supporting documents

reviews, approves, issues rebate



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