

Questions and Answers from EV Dealer Webinar 7th October 2021

Q. There were several queries about a possible extensions and grant amounts in relation to delays caused by the semi-conductor shortage

A. If you have applied for a grant since the 1st of July and the vehicle is delayed you can cancel that grant and reapply. If you have applied for a grant prior to the 1st July a resolution is being worked through with the Department of Transport. Once finalised this will be circulated to the dealership network.

Q. How to do you cancel an application

A. If your application is at Application in Progress by Dealer you as the dealer has the functionality within the grant system to cancel the grant applications. There is a drop down beside Edit Application which gives you an option to delete it. For all other grant application statuses, you can request a cancellation by email evgrantscheme@seai.ie with your dealer ID and the grant details.

Q. What is a displaced vehicle

A. Displaced vehicle refers to a vehicle being replaced by the new EV. Drop down menus will provide the options for displaced vehicles as you apply for the grant,

Q. Can a business claim the grant against a commercial EV but not a passenger EV

A. Yes, a commercial grant is only available for light commercial vehicles (N1 category).

Q. If a customer purchases a vehicle and then trades it back in prior to the payout of the grant, is the grant still paid out.

A. We need more information here. Is the deal essentially cancelled and the vehicle will be de-registered or is the trading it back in considered a second hand purchase?

Q. Will SEAI accept the normal invoice from a Dealers system

A. Once the invoice you submit includes all the details set out in [this document](#) then your own invoice will be sufficient.

Q. What is the max grant now on a 50k car. is it 5k or 2.5k?

A. The full details of grant amounts are available on the [SEAI website](#)

Q. What is the penalty if the car is not Taxed within the grant window?

A. The penalty will depend on the type of car and grant applied for.

	BEV Grant	Amount with Penalty	PHEV Grant	Amount with Penalty
Private	€5000	€4000	€2500	€2000
Commercial (N1)	€3800	€3000	€2500	€2000
Demo	€3800	€3000	€2500	€2000

Q. Regarding the €60k cap, can you clarify where this figure comes from? Is it the manufacturers list price to include delivery and dealer related charges. Who provides the figure?

A. There is an explanation of this in the pricing section when making a grant application. It includes all prices and charges including paint, optional extras, delivery charges etc. Details are also on the [SEAI website](#).

Q. On the grant application in other deductions Part D section 4, for private customers is that the figure we use for deposit?

A. Other deductions is not a dealer entry box and is calculated automatically. The final price to customer may include the deposit amount. For example, customer provides €500 deposit and has €20,000 left to pay. Therefore, final price to customer would be €20,500. Preferably, if you only enter €20,000 as final price to customer then the deposit amount would be contained automatically in the other deductions figure

Q. Is a copy of deposit receipt still required when submitting an application?

A. It is best practice to include if available.

Q. For a vehicle to show as Garage do we still have to register it as Motor Industry Vehicle and buy it into stock in Motortrans?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the maximum amount for taxi drivers on the EV vehicles (not including Renault Zoe and Leaf) I asking about other brands, like MG?

A. A taxi driver who is going to register the vehicle as private can claim the grant amount depending on the type of vehicle they purchase. Other grants may be available from [National Transport Authority](#) if an SPSV driver scraps on old ICE vehicle for a fully electric one.

Q. Why does the vehicle have to be taxed by the customer before the dealership receives grant payment?

A. It is a legal requirement for a car that is on the road to be taxed. SEAI can't pay out a grant on a vehicle that isn't complying with the law.

Q. If we apply for grant, how long is the window before we must hand over car and complete grant?

A. This is usually 4 months. The expiry date will be on the application once it is approved.

Q. When can we apply for January 2022 grants?

A. The funding for the EV grant is allocated on an annual basis by the Department of Transport. Once the budget is announced in October for 2022 and funding is made available for this grant programme then applications can be made into 2022. Dealerships will be notified by SEAI when SEAI are accepting grant applications for vehicles to be delivered in 2022.

Q. Can e-signature be used?

A. Not at present. SEAI do not use this technology in our grant system. However, if you have a PDF of the application and transaction document with e-signatures you can upload these as proof of signature.

Q. What is best practice for new owner of our Demo's to claim for Charger Grants? Do they have to wait until dealer is paid out?

A. The owner of a car (whether demo or otherwise) can apply for a home charger at any point, provided that when they submit the paperwork the model and make of the car match the registration certificate. If they change their mind and go with a different vehicle, the current application will have to be cancelled and a new one made.

Q. Where are you getting the VRT amounts from before you enter the final Vehicle Cost?

A. The dealer enters the final price to the customer which is likely to include any VRT amount payable by customer. The “other deductions” is automatically calculated by the system and includes any VRT relief that may be available.

Q. What if any are the restrictions on grant availability depending on electric km range of PHEV

A. For a PHEV to be eligible the electric range must be 50km or greater when tested through the WLTP test cycle.

Q. We have to let you know when we sell our EV demo. Why is this?

A. If you have a grant for a demo vehicle and sell it on prior to submitting your transaction document and invoice it will no longer show registered as Garage on the DVCS file. When this happens, you need to submit proof that it was initially registered as a demo and then proof it was sold on. No grant can be paid out until this is done.

To avoid this, submit your transaction document and invoice as soon as you have the demo registered and taxed so the grant can be paid to you before you sell on the vehicle.