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Electric vehicles grant scheme extended



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Transport Malta, in conjunction with the Ministry for Transport, is extending the grant scheme on environment-friendly vehicles with another €150,000.

The scheme aims to reduce emissions generated from road traffic improving air quality levels by reducing the number of old motor vehicles from the roads, promoting the purchase of battery electric vehicles and battery electric quadricycles.

Between January and July, all the applications submitted for the grant were accommodated and another 28 electric vehicles were registered.

The grant is applicable to private car owners, registered NGOs, the business community and local councils.

(i) For private individuals the grant will amount to:

- a) €5,000 when registering a new or used electric Category M1 or N1 vehicle without scrapping an older vehicle;
- b) €8,000 when registering a new electric Category M1 or N1 vehicle and de-registering another Category M1 or N1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from the year of manufacture;
- c) €2,000 when registering a new or used electric quadricycle.

For used electric vehicles, the grant is only applicable for battery electric vehicles of not more than 24 months from the date of first registration and not more than 12,000 km on the odometer.

Applications will be handled on a first come first serve basis. Companies which have already benefited from the last scheme with respect to electric vehicles are eligible to benefit again as long as they are in line with state aid regulations.

Application forms can be collected from the Vehicle Licensing Unit within Transport Malta, A3 Towers, Paola or from [here](#).

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is b) also applicable for used electric? i.e. registering a used electric Category M1 and de-registering/scrapping another Category M1 or N1 vehicle..

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A. Caffari → C. Magro • 3 days ago

As long as the one being registered is under 24 months old (Since first registration) and has under 12000km.and also as long as the one being de-registered is over 10 years old.

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Ainsley Wiltshire • 3 days ago

This is all well and good but what about doing something that really benefit everyone's health and the environment . Get rid of this stupid law that makes it cheaper to drive old polluting cars over new modern cleaner ones . Is there anywhere in Europe with such old bangers belching out filth on the roads.

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George Debono → Ainsley Wiltshire • 2 days ago

"Get rid of this stupid law that makes it cheaper to drive old polluting cars over new modern cleaner ones ."

Modern cleaner cars ? This has become a joke with so many manufacturers cheating and exploiting the lenient testing imposed by the EU & other countries. All cars pollute. Especially diesel cars.

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Ainsley Wiltshire → George Debono • a day ago

Im not denying that but the fact still remains the older ones are worst,you can't tell me those close of smoke coming out the back ate good for you.

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Muscat d • 3 days ago

If they really want to help the environment they should remove the law which requires pedelecs (electric bikes) to be registered. Electric cars still cause traffic jams. Pedelecs don't. Encourage their use and solve two problems at once. Traffic and pollution.

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Tony Gatt → Muscat d • 3 days ago

Electric cars don't pollute when stuck in traffic, though.

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Alan Day → Tony Gatt • 3 days ago

Where does the electricity to run these cars come from? As we know the power station emits no toxic fumes in it's production of Malta's electricity. They are only carbon neutral if they are solar powered.

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George Debono → Alan Day • 2 days ago

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George Debono → Muscat d • 2 days ago

The restrictions imposed on the pedelec by Transport Malta conflicts with EU directive 2002/24/EC and should be removed in order not to impede uptake of this clean travel option

The mandatory registration of EU-compliant pedelecs imposed by Transport Malta is counter-intuitive because it will act to inhibit pedelec use. It is understood that the recent proliferation of internal combustion engine-driven bicycles prompted the misguided move on the pedelec. This measure was unnecessary; the combustion engines fitted to bicycles are plainly distinguishable by the noise they emit whereas a pedelec is completely silent. This negative and unnecessary measure was introduced at a sensitive time – just as bicycles are starting to appear on our roads signifying that people to have started take to bicycles to beat the traffic. Similarly, the imposition of mandatory helmet wear will further deter people from using a pedelec; it also 'dangerises' the pedelec and gives the impression that riding a pedelec is more risky than the bicycle – which it is not.

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Tony Gatt • 3 days ago

Electric must be the future- BMW has just announced that the first generation of electric Minis will be built in the UK.

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Robert Mawby → Tony Gatt • 2 days ago

All electric by 2040!

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Joseph Spiteri → Robert Mawby • 2 days ago

Nope, they only stated no petrol or diesel by that date.

So it could be other fuels being used, including LPG & other non-renewables.

And that still leaves the challenge of setting up new huge power stations in time to provide the change in the required source of energy.

Also by 2030 most cars would already have become autonomous, and this will change the way people travel, own or rent cars, even where we decide to live.

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Robert Mawby → Joseph Spiteri • 2 days ago

True.

My son runs a fleet of JCB excavators, it will be interesting to see how they deal with no Diesel engines.

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Daniel Hurley • 3 days ago

It's a good incentive to bring EVs into Malta but there are still 29 ICE vehicles registered in Malta every day.

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George Debono → Daniel Hurley • 2 days ago

It will take a lot pf persuasion to convert us to electric.... electric cars dpn't make much noise they lack the vroom-vroom factor which is the motorists urban jungle equivalent of the gorilla's chest thumping

urban jungle equivalent of the gulf's chest thumping.

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George Debono • 2 days ago

Elsewhere on this page a reader (Alan Day) implied that, because station emits no toxic fumes in energy production, a car can only be of carbon neutral if is solar powered.

This comment is mostly invalid :

The electric car may is still far more efficient than a petrol or diesel engine even if we take Malta's situation where electricity is being generated inefficiently. As efficiency improves (as it should), so the electric car's carbon footprint will decrease correspondingly and, it should be ultimately possible to reduce this to around 60 grammes of CO2 per kilometer (g/km).

The important question here is the threat to health from our street-level pollution.

With more than 2,500 cars per square mile, Malta's most pressing problem is traffic pollution in densely urbanized surroundings and the high level of ambient traffic emission it causes. This is where the electric car wins hands down; it is absolutely non-polluting at street level. As such the electric car has huge potential for improving our street air quality – and our health. especially of growing children.

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David Zammit • 2 days ago

Why are only cars targeted for emissions taxation? Any thing that runs on a combustion engine and uses fossil fuels should be equal taxed and tested. Like boats, ships,tractors, generators, motorbikes, pumps, etc.. It is just convenient to keep on taxing the automobile user and more profitable

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Mario Tabone • a day ago

While I say that this extension for the electric vehicle grant scheme is definitely a step in the right direction, I can NOT understand the reason for not extending the PV System grant scheme which was closed about a month ago.

I was one who applied BEFORE this closing date and well before the 2 major fairs that take place in summer (Trade Fair & Fiera I Kbirra) knowing there will be an increase in demand for such a scheme.

Contacted Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS) several times over and they said they don't know when it will reopen again. To make matters worst they said that "it won't definitely be open in the next 15 days".

Can pls anyone from the Ministry shed some light on the above!

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