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ODAC gets updates on DEQ electric car rebate programs

The Oregon Dealer Advisory Committee held its first meeting of 2022 on Jan. 27. At the meeting, ODAC nominated and approved Gary Sargent as its Vice Chair for the year.

Amy Joyce, DMV Administrator, reappointed Bryan Steward (Independent Dealer Representative) and Brian Hardy (Auction Representative). Their terms expire Dec. 31, 2023.

There are two vacancies on ODAC: General Public and Dismantler Representatives. Please let DMV know if you have a nomination for either position.

Erica Timm, DEQ's Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program Coordinator, provided ODAC an update about the two rebate programs DEQ offers. The standard rebate is one that individuals can apply for post-vehicle purchase through an online portal, and participating dealers can apply on behalf of their customers at the point of sale.

The rebates range from \$750 to \$2,500, depending on the battery size in the vehicle.

The Charge Ahead rebate is for low- and moderate-income households, as well as low-income service providers such as non-profits. This rebate is set at \$5,000. These rebates can be processed only through the mail with a paper application.

One difference between the programs is that the standard program is only for new vehicles, and the Charge Ahead program is for new and used vehicles. Both programs can be stacked together where a

low-income household buying a new vehicle could get up to \$7,500 off using both programs.

As of Jan. 21, 2022, DEQ has awarded:

- 16,797 rebates

- \$42 million over the lifetime of the program starting in 2018

- 26% of total rebates have been issued through dealerships

- Around \$12 million is available for rebates in 2022

Dealerships [can sign up here](#). There is an annual cap for businesses of 10 applications per year.

Scott Boardman, Innovative Programs Policy Advisor with ODOT's Office of Innovative Funding, which operates the Oregon Road Usage Charge Program, **OReGO**, shared with ODAC about the Point of Sale Enrollment Project.

OReGO was launched July 1, 2015, allowing vehicles that are enrolled in the program to pay by the mile and to be credited with the fuel tax costs that they pay in terms of a gas tax at the pump.

As cars become more fuel efficient, there are fewer trips to the gas pump. With fewer trips to the gas station, there are fewer dollars going into the State Highway Fund.

OReGO program will ensure ODOT is able to operate, maintain and improve the state's transportation system. It is a voluntary program, but ODOT plans to introduce a bill in the 2023 legislative session to make it mandatory.

Mike Wagner
ODAC Chair

Inspect VIN, title closely when buying car

The National Insurance Crime Bureau Hot Spots report released Aug. 31, 2021, showed a significant spike in auto thefts for 2020, and that trend is continuing.

Car thieves will attempt to sell many of those stolen cars to unsuspecting victims, including dealers, through altering the vehicle identification number (VIN) to match a genuine duplicate title of a similar vehicle or by creating fake titles.

Dealers can help stop this victimization by conducting good VIN inspections and reviewing titles. A VIN inspection involves verifying the vehicle's VIN matches the VIN on the title or other document provided. It is especially important if a fraudster has acquired a duplicate genuine title.

Indications that a VIN has been tampered with can include:

- Two or more different VINs on the vehicle – with the exception of some motor homes or other two-stage manufactured vehicles

- Altered or missing VIN
- Evidence the VIN plates/tags have been removed or replaced
- The Federal Standards Sticker (FSS) does not match the VIN or is missing, and there are other indications the VIN has been altered.

Sometimes the VIN is genuine, but the title is not. A fake title may be identified by:

- Poor print quality, especially in the decorative border or type written fonts

- Erasures or alterations
- The watermark is odd or missing if one is used by the state of issuance
- The title VIN may not match the VIN on the vehicle

Dealers certify they have physically inspected the VIN, its type and condition when they sign the DMV VIN Inspection Form (735-0011). If the dealer does not actually view the VIN but completes the form only on the basis of the VIN on the title, the dealer may be subject to the civil penalties listed below:

- Making a false statement of material fact on a DMV document
- False swearing relating to regulation of a vehicle dealer business

Both violations can result in civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per offense. Either violation can also result in sanctions up to and including permanent revocation of the dealer certificate and the right of the principals to apply for a new certificate.

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Revised online guide aims to help dealers use DMV2U

DMV Policy Analyst Becky Van Elverdinghe presented at the Oregon Independent Automobile Dealers Association (OIADA) annual conference Jan. 28 a revised guide to dealers for logging into DMV2U dealer accounts.

You can find the updated DMV2U logon instructions on [DMV's website here](#).

At the OIADA conference, dealers made a few suggestions on how to make the DMV2U portal better. Some of the suggestions included:

- Add a link to DMV forms webpage to the portal.
- Add the [fuelconomy.gov](#) link to the portal to go along with the Fee Estimator tool that is available on [DMV2U](#). DMV's fee calculator uses the VIN decoder, not fuel economy.gov, because the fee calculator is

more compatible with DMV's online system. The fee estimator is not limited to Oregon titled vehicles. Out-of-state vehicle VINs can be entered in the fee estimator. However, it is only for passenger vehicles.

- Make Temporary Registration Permit books available on the DMV2U portal.

Dealers expressed concerns with the lack of training provided by DMV on how to use the DMV2U portal.

A first-time user said it was "terrible" to print a trip permit online. Some dealers suggested to not get rid of trip permit books in the future because "the process to issue the trip permit took forever" online, and they would like it to be streamlined.

Another dealer and DMV2U user, however, said it was "very easy to

use."

DMV is in the process of creating training videos and job aids on how to use the DMV2U portal in order to issue trip permits, manage logons and use the fee estimator tool, and job aids on how to submit complete dealer transactions to DMV.

If there are dealers that do not yet have an account they can contact Business Licensing, which will send the dealer a letter on how to create one.

When a dealer does not use their DMV2U account every 30 days, the account will be deactivated. Please try to access your DMV2U accounts every 20 days so that the account remains active.

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Proposed Civil Penalties and Sanctions

Dealer	City	Violations Found	Offense	Count	Amount
Edmar Lopez-Hernandez DBA Edmar Lopez Construction LLC	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	10	\$25,000
Albert William Rhodes	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	10	\$25,000
David Charles McKeachie	Bend	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	4	\$10,000
Mohammed Hemood Elholemey	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	9	\$22,500
Benjamin Nelson, Roy Nelson, Cindi Goodman DBA Nelson Truck Equipment Co Inc	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	7	\$17,500
Johnathon Costello, Stephanie Mitchell, Mikie John DBA Autohub Usa LLC	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	6	\$15,000
Abdullah Amer El Haj Ibrahim	Hillsboro	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	6	\$15,000
Ahmad Cadan	Hillsboro	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	6	\$15,000
Muqdad Mohsin Jaber Al-Wassili	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	9	\$22,500
Sergey Ilich Zagaryuk DBA Sunshine Auto Body & Paint Limited	Damascus	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	10	\$25,000
Doru Jan Nechita	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	13	\$32,500
Sebastian Isaac Cowley	Portland	Acting as a vehicle dealer without a current dealer certificate	1	10	\$25,000
Mid Columbia Marina Inc	Hood River	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	7	\$7,000
Dba Mid-Columbia Marine & Motorsports	Portland	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	5	\$5,000
OB Portland 1 Inc	Portland	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	5	\$5,000
DBA Toyota Scion of Portland	Grants Pass	Destroying a vehicle prior to obtaining an ownership document for the vehicle	1	2	\$1,000
Cascade Auto Recycling LLC	Roseburg	Knowingly making a false statement of any facts in an application for registration	1	3	\$1,500
Dba Cascade Metal Recycling	Roseburg	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	3	\$3,000
Earnest Auto Sales LLC	Roseburg	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	5	\$5,000
Happy Motors Inc	Newport	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	3	\$3,000
Swickard Gresham LLC	Gresham	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	3	\$3,000
DBA Gresham Toyota	Gresham	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	3	\$3,000
Christensen Auto Sales Inc	McMinnville	Failure to submit title, fees and all documents to DMV within 90 days	1	9	\$9,000
Torres Auto Repair & Towing LLC	Boardman	Failure to obtain a corrected vehicle dealer certificate at least 3 days prior to change	1	2	\$500
(3 Year Suspension)	Boardman	Failure to allow a DMV administrative inspection	1	1	\$1,000

NOTE: Civil penalty amounts may not reflect settlements or judgments

Headquarters lobby open only for drop-offs

As a courtesy, DMV has been accepting paperwork drop-offs from dealers in the DMV Headquarters lobby.

This is only a drop-off courtesy. Headquarters lobby staff are not able to review your paperwork and may not be able or available to date-stamp your documents.

There have been instances when the dealer representative expected more than a drop-off and did not respect DMV lobby employees, who are not able to provide dealer services. If there are further disruptions of lobby business by dealers, DMV Business Licensing may need to close the lobby to drop-offs for all dealers.

Dealers who wish to ensure their paperwork reaches DMV can use a mail-tracking option in a delivery service through the Post Office, UPS, FedEx, etc.

DMV Headquarters

Next ODAC meeting will be held April 28

The next ODAC meeting will be April 28, 2022.

For call-in (audio only) or link to join the meeting, contact Chuck Hoffman in Business Licensing at 503-945-5056 or by **email**.

Agendas are posted here one week before the scheduled meeting, and are open to the public.

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities, and alternate formats of printed material are available upon request. Please call (503) 986-4188 (or statewide relay 7-1-1) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Dealers: Are you ready for road charging?

As passenger vehicles become more fuel efficient and electric vehicles are more widely adopted, the fuels tax that Oregon has relied on is no longer adequate to meet the needs of operating, maintaining and improving the state's transportation system.

In response to these trends, ODOT created **OReGO**, a voluntary road usage charge program where participants pay by the mile instead of by the gallon for their use of the roads.

The program allows vehicles with a combined mpg rating of 40 or better, plus EVs that would otherwise be subject to the enhanced registration surcharges, to enroll in OReGO and avoid enhanced fees.

Last year, the Oregon Legislature considered a mandatory road usage charge program. The bill didn't pass, but a new bill will be introduced in the 2023 legislative session with a later timeline for implementation.

Chances are good that in 2023, more legislators will see the need for road charging and implement the

program statewide. If the bill passes in 2023, Oregon dealers would need to help their customers enroll in a mandatory road usage charge program (OReGO) at point of sale.

While a new law's starting date may be 2026 or later, the OReGO team at ODOT realizes it will take time to develop this system. We want to help you get ready for the change, whenever it occurs.

OReGO seeks dealer input

The OReGO team wants to work with dealerships around the state to make point-of-sale enrollment a simple and successful process for their business and customers.

The OReGO team will conduct a study to learn how the current program is impacting dealers, how the vehicle purchasing business model may evolve and change in coming years, and how dealers would like to get information about program changes. Understanding your business and trends will help us develop materials that explain the program

and assist you in enrolling customers.

We also want to help Oregon dealers understand how their customers may take advantage of benefits available to them, such as how EV buyers avoid registration surcharges by enrolling in OReGO and paying by the mile instead.

What's happening now

This year, ODOT will be reaching out to dealerships to participate in a point-of-sale study. We want your input on a future point-of-sale enrollment process. The study will:

- Establish a baseline of what dealers and car buyers already know about OReGO.
- Gather feedback from dealerships on what types of educational materials would be helpful.
- Support and model current efforts that help customers enroll in OReGO.

We welcome your questions and comments, and look forward to collaborating with you on this effort.

The OReGO Team

Customers entitled to transfer plates when trading in car

As agents of DMV, dealers are expected to provide the same range of DMV services that a customer can expect for vehicle-related transactions at their local DMV office.

Oregon Revised Statute 803.530 allows customers to transfer their registration plates as long as the customer pays the plate transfer fee.

There are many reasons customers will want to keep their current plate and transfer it to their new vehicle. Some have purchased a special background plate or have a custom configuration. Others have plates that are specific to that customer, such as amateur radio

operator or disabled veteran.

All customers are entitled to transfer their plates upon application.

If a dealer refuses a customer's request to transfer their plates as part of the vehicle-purchasing transaction when a dealer receives title and/or registration fees from the customer, and the dealer tells the customer they can transfer their plate later, DMV cannot refund those registration fees if a new plate is issued with that purchase.

If the customer is transferring their plate and owns both vehicles involved in the plate transfer, the registration is moved with the plate

to their new vehicle, including registration expiration date.

A temporary permit should be issued for the vehicle so the customer can display it on the vehicle until they receive their permanent registration card from DMV. Receiving the card confirms the successful plate transfer in DMV's system.

There is more information on plate transfers in **Chapter K** of the Title and Registration Handbook. Call DMV Customer Assistance at 503-945-5000 or in the Portland Metro area call 503-299-9999 for questions.

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Electric car buyers may qualify for rebates

The Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate program provides rebates for the purchase or lease of new or used electric vehicles to increase the accessibility of these vehicles for Oregon residents.

There are two rebate options:

- Standard Rebate for the purchase or lease of a new battery electric vehicle, a new plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or a new zero-emission electric motorcycle. Available through participating Oregon dealerships.
- Charge Ahead Rebate for low- and moderate-income households, and low-income service providers

for the purchase or lease of a **new** or **used** battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

As of Jan. 1, 2022, Charge Ahead eligible low- and moderate-income households and low-income service providers can receive \$5,000 with the purchase or lease of a new or used battery electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle. If purchasing a new vehicle, the Charge Ahead rebate can be combined with the Standard Rebate for up to \$7,500 back.

Charge Ahead rebates are not currently available through dealerships. Applicants must apply via a paper

application, post-purchase. DEQ is developing a pre-qualification process for Charge Ahead applicants with the goal of enabling these rebates to also be applied for through participating dealerships.

The Standard Rebate can be applied at the time of purchase, or post-purchase via an online application.

For more information about OCVRP or how dealerships can sign up to become a participating dealership, please visit the program's [website](#).

*Oregon Department
of Environmental Quality*

DMV offices to close for new June holiday

DMV offices will be closed Monday, June 20, in honor of a new state holiday.

House Bill 2168 established Juneteenth as a legal state holiday on June 19 each year, starting this year.

State offices will be closed for the holiday on Monday, June 20, this year because June 19 falls on a Sunday.

In years that June 19 falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the Friday before, June 18.

DMV-related questions may be directed to 503-945-5000 or 503-299-9999 in the Portland Metro Area, or visit the website at OregonDMV.com.



Ready to fly?

Make sure to bring the right ID!

- As of **May 2023**, you will need federally acceptable identification to board a plane, even for domestic flights.
- Your **standard** Oregon driver license or ID card will **not** be acceptable for air travel as of May 2023.
- Consider getting the Real ID option when you renew your Oregon license.

Acceptable ID at airport security includes, but is not limited to:

- Oregon driver license or ID card with Real ID option.
More info: Oregon.gov/RealID
- Washington enhanced driver license or another state's **Real ID** license or ID card.
- U.S. passport or passport card.
- Foreign passport.
- U.S. military ID.
- Federal trusted traveler card.

More airport ID options: TSA.gov

Get ready now, and remember to bring your ID to the airport!

 Oregon Department of Transportation