

Our quick reference guide aims to educate you on the various UK grants available for electric vehicles (EVs) and their charging infrastructure.

Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS)

The EVHS grant for homeowners has now ended. Grants are still available for homeowners of flats and people in rented accommodation - please see below for more information.

UK Government OZEV (Office for Zero Emission Vehicles - previously OLEV - Office for Low Emission Vehicles), specifically named The Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) provided grant funding of up to 75% (maximum of £350) towards the cost of installing electric vehicle smart chargepoints at domestic properties across the UK.

EVHS for Homeowners

Homeowners (including those with mortgages) are classed as people who live in single-unit properties such as bungalows, detached, semi-detached or terraced housing.

From April 2022 the scheme will no longer be open to homeowners. To qualify, the charging point must be installed before 31st March 2022.

However, the scheme remains open to homeowners who live in flats, and people in rented accommodation.

These changes do not affect the Scottish Energy Saving Trust (EST) grant. Scottish Residents may be eligible to receive a grant provided by EST. This may change at any time. To claim the EST grant, the application and paperwork must be completed and approved prior to installation.

More information can be found here: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/domestic-charge-point-funding/>

EVHS for Homeowners of flats, and people in rented accommodation

EVHS is available to support people living in flats (incl. leasehold flats) and rental accommodation, non-resident building owners (incl. landlords and social housing providers), and owners of apartment blocks to provision the building's associated parking with charge points.

How do I know if I am eligible?

If you live in a flat (incl. leasehold flat) or rental accommodation, up to £350 is available towards the cost of installing a charge point - You must meet the following criteria:

- Open to people living in either a flat or rental accommodation.
- Only one application will be permitted per person.
- The applicant must have a qualifying electric vehicle and their property must have dedicated off-street parking.

If you are a non-resident building owner (incl. landlords and social housing providers) you need to meet the following criteria:

- Up to £350 will be available per socket towards the cost of a charge point installation, with a limit of 200 applications per year per applicant.
- The applicant must be a registered business or a public authority. If they are a private entity, they may be registered with Companies House, have a VAT registration, or be a private registered provider of social housing.
- The property must have associated private parking.
- There is no limit as to how many chargepoint sockets can be installed in each property (within the overall number of grants available).

Additional help for owners of apartment blocks to provision the building's associated parking you need to meet the following criteria:

- Up to £30,000 will be available per building towards the cost of installing charge points, with a limit of 30 applications per year per applicant.
- The amount of grant available per application will depend on how many parking bays are being provisioned with either a charge point socket (up to £850 available per bay) or supporting infrastructure for a charge point to be installed at a later date (up to £500 available per bay).
- The applicant must be a registered business or a public authority. If they are a private entity, they may be registered with Companies House, have a VAT registration, or be a private registered provider of social housing.
- The property must have associated private parking. There is no limit as to how many charge point sockets can be installed in each property (within the overall limit of £30,000 per property). A minimum of five bays must be provisioned, at least one of which must have a working charge point.
- The allocation will be in addition to that available under the EVHS extension listed above.

How do I apply for the EVHS grant for Flats/Rentals?

The government says that any necessary third-party permission for the work – such as from a freeholder or managing agent of a block of flats – must be obtained by the applicant before the installation is done. “This will be needed for rented or leasehold properties where it’s the renter or the leaseholder applying,” it adds.

How do I apply for the EVHS grant for Flats/Rentals?

Please contact us at john@halleyelectrics.co.uk for advice on the chargers available to you and the legislation at this current point in time.

We are approved electric vehicle chargepoint installers authorisation numbers EVHS1773/WCS1773