



Significant changes to the OZEV Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) from 1 April 2022

Key information

- EVHS no longer available to homeowners in single-unit dwellings (houses and bungalows)
- Scheme to remain available to homeowners in flats and those in rental accommodation
- OZEV transitioning to new digital service (further details to be announced)
- Changes come into force **1 April 2022**

1. What's changing

As stated in the key information, the [Office for Zero Emission Vehicles \(OZEV\)](#) will no longer provide support for homeowners of single-unit properties such as houses and bungalows through the **Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS)**. The funding will however still be available to those homeowners of flats and similar single-use properties and those in rental accommodation.

This may have important implications for members who are currently installing under the EVHS and have enquiries for installations in the coming months. Ensure that any planned installations are completed by 31 March and grant claims submitted by 30 April

Those applicable for the grant will still receive up to £350 (including VAT) towards the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charge Point (EVCP), as long as they own, lease or have ordered a [qualifying vehicle](#) and have off-street parking at their property. Persons may apply for funding towards two charge points if they have 2 qualifying vehicles.

Customers will **not** qualify if they:

- have previously claimed against the Domestic Recharge Scheme
- move property
- purchase a new charge point, even if the new vehicle is not compatible with the old one
- wish to update an old charge point to a new one
- want to claim against the cost of moving an existing charge point to a new property

If a customer is moving to a new house that is equipped with an old charge point and they wish to *replace* it, they would be eligible for the grant (providing that customer has not previously claimed against the scheme and all other requirements are met).

The grant is only for retrofit properties and is not applicable for use on new-builds or un-occupied properties.

The customer must be a resident of the property and this will be checked via vehicle registration details or other supporting evidence.

2. Workplace charging scheme

The [Workplace Charging Scheme](#) (WCS) is still in place and remains unchanged, with grants of up to £350 available per 'socket' for up to a multiple of 40 'sockets'. For clarity, a business having an EVCP with two sockets would be able to claim £700. A business that had 10 sites and wanted 4 EVCP sockets at each, would be able to claim up to 40x £350, therefore able to claim up to £14,000 towards the installations across their sites.

The process of the WCS differs from the EVHS, as the client must complete the [application process](#) and verify their eligibility. They will then be issued with a unique voucher code which they present to the installer, who can then claim the grant via an [online installer service](#).

3. Installer registration with OZEV

To install EVCPs under the above schemes, installers will need to have registered with OZEV and can be registered for either or both the EVHS and WCS.

The previous requirement for installers to have had EVCP installation training has now been removed. However, this training is encouraged as there are distinct aspects to be considered for EVCP installations. EVCP training includes [C&G 2919](#), [NICEIC Electric Vehicle Charging Course](#) or The [Learning Lounge Eve](#) online course.

The requirement for manufacturer-specific training has also been removed.

4. Reflection on the change

Whilst the new limitations to the EVHS are disappointing, in reality, a grant of £350 will not be the make or break deal for a customer looking to purchase and maximise their use of an Electric Vehicle. Their best experience will be through the use of a dedicated EVCP. For the contractor, the process of using the EVHS has proved onerous (contrary to the WCS), although has been aided through third parties such as [EV-comply](#) which provide a web and app-based solution for OZEV grant applications and surveying and collating the information. With the rate of adoption of electric vehicles happening quicker than originally expected, the focus of the funding will now be on buildings that are not being as readily catered for, such as rented properties, B&B's and small businesses to ensure that there is a suitable mass of EV charging infrastructure available where needed. As stated above, whilst EVCP installation training is not now required for OZEV registration, it is encouraged. Although the installation of an EVCP is essentially a radial circuit, there are specific aspects to be considered to ensure compliance with BS 7671.

5. Changes to building regulations approved documents.

In support of the further deployment of EV infrastructure, a new [building regulations approved document 'part S'](#) will come into force from 15 June 2022. Separate members guidance on this is available on the ECA website.



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