## Depot Charging Scheme FAQ

1. **How do I know if I am eligible for this grant?**

An eligible applicant will meet and be able to evidence the following criteria:

* Be registered and operating in the UK for at least 1 year at the time of application.
* Own, lease or have on order or plan to order, a zero-emission electric van, HGV or coach.
* Either own their depot or have landlord permission for infrastructure installation.
	+ Where applicants lease their depot, the depot must be leased for the next three years.
* Either have the required grid capacity on site, or provide evidence of an electrification date within the project delivery window.
* Have sufficient financing to deliver the project and meet the matched funding requirements.
1. **What information will I need to provide as part of my application?**

Applicants will be required to provide:

* A copy of their operating licence, or for van-only fleets, evidence of their BVRLA membership, FORS accreditation or LUK van excellence accreditation;
* Evidence of current or future battery electric vehicle ownership, including acquisition dates and Vehicle Identification Numbers;
* Vehicle lease contracts or order forms (where applicable);
* Evidence to confirm ownership or lease of the depot(s);
* Confirmation of any previous EV infrastructure funding;
* Description of any current EV chargepoint infrastructure;
* Description of the proposed EV chargepoint infrastructure;
* An outline of any third parties that would be contracted to deliver the infrastructure;
* A full budget breakdown for the duration of the project;
* Evidence of Distribution Network Operator arrangements;
* Evidence of financing for the project.
1. **I am a bus operator. Am I eligible under the coach segment of the grant?**
No, buses are not eligible for this grant as it is targeted for commercial vehicles in early stages of electrification. Coaches are broadly defined as public transport vehicles used for regional and international travel where there is no space for standing in the gangway. If you are not sure if this applies to your vehicle, the exact definition for the purposes of this grant is Class III vehicles, belonging to vehicle categories M2 and M3, as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2018/858.
2. **I operate in Scotland/Wales/Northern Ireland. Am I eligible for this grant?**
Yes, fleet operators in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for the fund.
3. **What qualifies as a depot?**

For the purposes of this grant, funding will only be given towards installation of chargepoints at depots. For the purposes of this scheme, a depot is defined as a commercial site where HGVs, vans and/or coaches are housed and maintained, and from which they are dispatched for service.

1. **I have multiple depots, can I apply for more than one site?**
Yes, as long as the application meets the eligibility criteria in full, and you are able to provide the required documentation for each depot site.
2. **Will an application have greater chance of success if it contains multiple sites?** No, applications are assessed independently to the number of sites owned or managed.
3. **Do I need to meet all eligibility requirements, can an exemption be made?**
No, exemptions will not be made. However, all grants are kept under review to ensure best value for money and that they remain fit for purpose.
4. **Is there a list of eligible vehicles or chargepoints for this grant?**
There is no exhaustive list of eligible vehicles or chargepoints for this grant. Applicants are welcome to source any van, HGV or coach provided it is fully battery-electric. For chargepoints, applicants must demonstrate how the power of the chargepoints will match fleet and duty cycle requirements to ensure value for money.
5. **Are battery integrated chargepoints in scope of this grant?**
Yes, battery integrated chargepoints are in scope for this grant, as long as they are a single integrated solution and do not require an additional third-party, and subject to applicants demonstrating need. This is also the case of battery-integrated chargepoints fitted with solar panels. These chargepoints can support sites with constrained grid connections and where obtaining sufficient grid capacity within the financial year 2025/26 might be a concern. However, separate Battery Energy Storage Systems are not in scope and cannot be claimed for with this grant funding.
6. **Are hybrid vehicles eligible for this grant?**Hybrid vehicles are not fully zero emission and would therefore not be considered as eligible vehicles in this scheme.
7. **Will the data shared through the application process be protected?**
Yes, the Department for Transport/UK Government fully abides by the UK GDPR and UK Data Protection Act. Please find the latest information on how your application data will be processed [here](https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/info/privacy).
8. **How much funding is available through this grant?**The Department will fund up to 75% of a project’s eligible costs. If the total cost of funded activities exceeds £1.3m, the Department will fund the maximum amount of £1m, regardless of percentage. If the total costs of funded activities is below £1.3m, the Department will fund 75% of costs.
9. **Is there support available to purchase the electric vehicles required?**
Yes, the Plug in Van and Truck Grant is providing funding for zero emission trucks and vans. Please find the latest information on the Plug in Van and Truck Grant [here](https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/plug-in-van-and-truck-grant-1). There is currently no funding available for zero emission coaches.
10. **I have questions about the application, what should I do?**
Please contact the team on ggms\_depot\_cs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.
11. **What other grants would qualify as duplicate funding?**

Funding from the Workplace Charging Scheme, EV Infrastructure Grant for Staff and Fleets, Local Authorities EV Infrastructure Fund, ScotZEB fund and ZEV and EVCI grant fund would be considered duplicate funding if it was used towards the same infrastructure as that funded by this scheme. As part of your application form you will be required to declare the postcodes and serial numbers of any chargepoints previously funded by those grants to confirm that you are not claiming duplicate funding through this scheme.

1. **I have previously received funding under the [Workplace Charging Scheme / EV Infrastructure Grant for Staff and Fleets / Local Authorities EV Infrastructure Fund / ScotZEB fund / ZEV and EVCI fund]. Can I apply for this grant scheme?**
Having received previous funding from other grant schemes does not make you ineligible for the Depot Charging Scheme. As part of the application process, you will be required to declare any past funding and provide the postcode and serial numbers of any previously funded chargepoints and infrastructure. Provided there is no duplication of funding, we will be able to accept your application to this scheme.

If you are awarded funding through the depot charging scheme, you will not be allowed to apply for or use any of the above grants to install infrastructure at the same site(s) for two years after completion of the funded project.

1. **I have previously received funding through the Zero Emission HGV and Infrastructure Demonstrator (ZEHID) and am part of a ZEHID consortia. Can I apply for this grant scheme?**

Having received funding through ZEHID does not automatically make you ineligible for the Depot Charging Scheme. Fleet operators can apply for funding at any site that has not received any ZEHID funding.

1. **Can the charging infrastructure funded through this grant be used for vehicles such as staff cars?**The primary users of the infrastructure must be HGVs, vans and coaches. Occasional charging of staff vehicles is an acceptable secondary use. Please review the Grant Funding Agreement to ensure you will be able to provide the primary and secondary usage data of the chargepoints.
2. **Can I use this grant to pay for grid capacity and connection costs?**
No, these costs are not eligible for funding. Applicants are required to prove that they have sufficient electricity capacity on site, or provide a quote from their Distribution Network Operator with an electrification date within 2025/26 financial year.
3. **Some of the terms of the Grant Funding Agreement aren’t agreeable to me. Can this be amended?**

We have provided a copy of our standard grant funding agreement. This is the document that will be used as the formal mechanism for any successful bidders to receive grant funding. Applicants are required to accept the main terms of this grant funding agreement when submitting an application.

Please be aware that DfT will only consider variations when requested in advance and where the Applicant would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with the clause, or series of clauses. Should this apply to your organisation, please contact the mailbox via: ggms\_depot\_cs@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

1. **When is the latest that I can submit an application?**
The grant will close either when funding has been exhausted or by 28 November 2025 (whichever is sooner). Applications are reviewed on a criteria-based approach and funding is allocated on a first come first serve basis. We would encourage prompt submission of your application to allow adequate time for project delivery.
2. **When is the latest that I can provide an invoice for payment?**All projects must be completed by 31 of March 2026, with all associated claim evidence to be submitted no later than 31 March 2026.