



New Plug-in Car Grant Levels from March 2016

1. From 1 March 2016, plug-in car grant levels are changing. The new grant levels will be based on the environmental performance of the vehicle.
2. Ultra low emission vehicles will be placed into categories on the basis of their CO₂ emissions and their zero emission range. The categories are:
 - Category 1 - CO₂ emissions of less than 50g/km and a zero emission range of at least 70 miles
 - Category 2 - CO₂ emissions of less than 50g/km and a zero emission range between 10 and 69 miles
 - Category 3 - CO₂ emissions of 50 to 75g/km and a zero emission range of at least 20 miles
3. From 1 March 2016 the following rates will apply:
 - £4500 for eligible Category 1 vehicles
 - £2500 for eligible Category 2 vehicles
 - £2500 for eligible Category 3 vehicles
4. The grant will be maintained at these levels until March 2017, or until a prescribed number of each type of vehicle have been sold, whichever is sooner. A list of which vehicles fall into which category is set out below.
5. The trigger points for a further review of grant levels will be 40,000 Category 1 vehicles, and 45,000 combined sales of Category 2 and 3 vehicles, with both totals including cars sold before March 2016. As of December 2015, 23,000 claims had been submitted for Category 1 vehicles and 28,000 claims for Category 2 and 3 vehicles.

6. To encourage zero emission vehicles and maximise the number of everyday motorists who can benefit, a price cap for Category 2 and 3 vehicles will operate from 1 March. Vehicles that cost £60,000 and above will no longer be eligible for the grant. There will be a derogation for Category 1 vehicles, which will remain eligible for the full grant.

Currently Eligible Vehicles

Category 1 Vehicles

- BMW i3
- BYD e6
- Citroen CZero
- Ford Focus Electric
- Kia Soul EV
- Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive
- Mitsubishi iMiEV
- Nissan e-NV200 5-seater and 7-seater
- Nissan LEAF
- Peugeot iON
- Renault Fluence
- Renault ZOE
- Smart fortwo electric drive
- Tesla Model S
- Toyota Mirai
- Volkswagen e-up!
- Volkswagen e-Golf

Category 2 Vehicles

- Audi A3 e-tron
- BMW i8
- BMW 225xe
- BMW 330e
- Mercedes-Benz C350 e
- Mitsubishi Outlander
- Toyota Prius Plug-in

- Vauxhall Ampera
- Volkswagen Golf GTE
- Volvo V60 D6 Twin Engine
- Volvo XC90 T8 Twin Engine

Category 3 Vehicles

- Mercedes-Benz S500 Hybrid
- Porsche Panamera S E-Hybrid