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ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN FUEL REWARD

The California Clean Fuel Reward (CCFR, the “Program”) is a California statewide Electric Vehicle (“EV”) time-of-sale (or lease) Program funded by the credit revenues generated pursuant to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) regulation administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The Program is administered by Southern California Edison (SCE, the “Program Administrator”) on behalf of other Participating Electric Distribution Utilities across the state (“Participating EDUs”). The “Program Implementer” contracted to implement the Program is Maritz Motivation, Inc., a Missouri corporation.

Program Purpose

The California Clean Fuel Reward offers a per-vehicle incentive designed to help reduce the upfront cost of buying or leasing new medium- and heavy-duty Battery-Electric Vehicles (BEVs) for commercial use.

Program Guide Audience

This guide is primarily intended as a reference for Participating Retailers (dealers enrolled in the Program). Other audiences, such as customers, EDUs, and Program partners, may also find it useful to reference. If any provision of the Program Guide directly conflicts with the applicable Program Terms and Conditions or a signed agreement between the parties, the terms of the signed agreement shall control.

Key Definitions and Acronyms

TERM	DEFINITION
ACF Rule (“ACF Regulation”)	Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation. A California Air Resources Board (CARB) rule that requires State and Local Government Agency fleets to reduce emissions by increasing the use of Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) as vehicles are normally replaced. See ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/advanced-clean-fleets for more information.
BEV	Battery-electric vehicle. A motor vehicle fully powered by electricity stored in a rechargeable battery pack. Only BEVs are eligible for the California Clean Fuel Reward (hybrid, fuel cell, compressed natural gas, or other alternative fuel vehicles do not qualify).

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TERM	DEFINITION
California Vehicle Code (CVC)	A legal code that regulates all aspects of motor vehicle use in the state of California, including licensing, registration, insurance, traffic laws, operator requirements, and penalties for infraction.
CARB	California Air Resources Board. An agency of California's state government focused on reducing air pollution and maintaining healthy air quality.
CCFR	California Clean Fuel Reward, or the "Program."
Claim	For this Program, a " claim " is a Participating Retailer's request for reimbursement, including all necessary information, Required Documents , and supporting documentation as applicable. By submitting a claim, the retailer confirms that all eligibility requirements and Program terms have been met.
Class 2b	Medium-duty vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 8,501–10,000 pounds (3,856–4,536 kg).
Class 3	Medium-duty vehicles with a GVWR of 10,001–14,000 pounds (4,536–6,350 kg).
Class 4	Medium-duty vehicles with a GVWR of 14,001–16,000 pounds (6,351–7,257 kg).
Class 5	Medium-duty vehicles with a GVWR of 16,001–19,500 pounds (7,258–8,845 kg).
Class 6	Medium-duty vehicles with a GVWR of 19,501–26,000 pounds (8,846–11,793 kg).
Class 7	Heavy-duty vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001–33,000 pounds (11,794–14,969 kg).
Class 8	Heavy-duty vehicles with a GVWR of 33,001 pounds (14,969 kg) or more.
Commercial Vehicle	For the purposes of this Program, " commercial vehicle " refers to any vehicle used by an entity (business, public or government agency, or nonprofit organization) to carry people, property, or hazardous materials. Buses and vehicles not meant for on-road use (such as terminal tractors) are not included.

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Customer/ Customer Entity	<p>For the purposes of this Program, “customer” refers to an individual or authorized representative(s) of an organization (“customer entity”) who has the authority to purchase or lease eligible goods or services.</p> <p>When used as a proper noun, “Customer” or “Eligible Customer” refers only to those individuals or customer entities that meet all Program eligibility requirements.</p>
Customer Delivery Acknowledgment	<p>An official Program document available on the Program Website that must be signed by the customer and uploaded by a Participating Retailer during Phase 2 Claim submission. It is required for reimbursement (see The Claims Process for more information on Phases and Required Documents).</p> <p>It acknowledges delivery of the vehicle(s), states that the Reward has been applied as a reduction of the purchase price, specifies the Reward amount, and affirms that the purchase/lease process is complete.</p>
Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement	<p>An official Program document available on the Program Website that must be completed and signed by the customer and uploaded by a Participating Retailer during the Phase 1 Claim submission. It is required for Phase 1 approval and Claim reimbursement (see The Claims Process for more information on Phases and Required Documents).</p> <p>By signing the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement, Customer(s) agree to abide by the terms stated therein.</p>
Customer Information	<p>For the purposes of this Program, “customer information” refers to information provided by an Eligible Customer to the Participating Retailer pursuant to the Program and/or the purchase or lease of one or more eligible vehicles. This includes the customer’s business name, business address, business phone, business email address, and business website. Customer information is exclusively information that has been made available, or can be obtained by, legal means (it is not personal information subject to data protection laws).</p>
Data Protection Laws	<p>The applicable laws relating to the handling or processing of personal information, including but not limited to the California Consumer Privacy Act (Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.100 et seq.) and regulations issued thereunder.</p>
DMV	<p>For the purposes of this Program, “DMV” refers to the California Department of Motor Vehicles.</p>

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EDU	Electric Distribution Utility. An entity that owns or operates an electrical distribution system, including a public utility as defined in the Public Utilities Code section 216 (referred to as an Investor-Owned Utility, or IOU); or a local Publicly-Owned Electric Utility (POU) as defined in Public Utilities Code section 224.3; or an Electrical Cooperative (COOP) as defined in Public Utilities Code section 2776.
Eligible Customer(s)	<p>For the purposes of this Program, “Eligible Customers” are entities (businesses, public or government agencies, or nonprofit organizations), or authorized representatives thereof, that meet all Program requirements.</p> <p>For Class 3–8 Eligible Vehicles: private or public corporations/businesses, public or governmental agencies, or non-profit organizations.</p> <p>For Class 2b Eligible Vehicles only: Solely entities subject to the ACF Rule; public fleets only; no private businesses, entities, schools, or universities.</p> <p>See Eligibility and Program Rules for more information.</p>
Eligible Retailer(s)	<p>Vehicle sellers that meet all requirements for enrollment in the Program.</p> <p>See Eligibility and Program Rules for more information.</p>
Eligible Vehicle(s)	<p>Vehicle(s) meeting all criteria identified for Program eligibility.</p> <p>See Eligibility and Program Rules for more information.</p>
Enrollment Application	<p>An online Program application form must be completed and submitted by Retailers that wish to participate in the Program. Only Participating Retailers (Eligible Retailers whose Enrollment Application has been submitted and approved by the Program Implementer and who have executed the Participating Retailer Agreement) are authorized to provide the California Clean Fuel Reward to customers and submit claims for reimbursement.</p> <p>See Retailer Enrollment for more information.</p>
GVWR	<p>Gross Vehicle Weight Rating. The maximum total weight a vehicle is engineered to safely carry. GVWR is used to determine a vehicle's class.</p> <p>Not to be confused with GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight), which is the actual total weight of the vehicle at any moment, and does not govern class ratings.</p>

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Guide for Licensed Vehicle Dealers and Lessor-Retailers	An official California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) manual that explains the legal, licensing, and operational requirements for businesses engaged in selling or leasing motor vehicles that functions as a regulatory bridge between California Vehicle Code law and that day-to-day retailer operations. See dmv.ca.gov/portal/file/guide-for-licensed-vehicle-dealers-and-lessor-retailers-pdf/ for the latest version.
LCFS	Low Carbon Fuel Standard. A program established in California and administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) . The California Clean Fuel Reward is funded by LCFS holdback credit funds.
MDHD	Medium-duty/Heavy-duty; Class 2b–8 vehicles.
New Vehicle(s)	For the purposes of this Program, a vehicle not previously owned or leased by a customer and with 7,500 miles or less. Only new vehicles can be eligible for the California Clean Fuel Reward; pre-owned vehicles are ineligible, regardless of mileage. Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) can only be claimed once.
Participating EDU(s)	Electric distribution utilities engaged as participating members of the California Clean Fuel Reward.
Participating Retailer Agreement	<p>An official Program document required for enrollment. It outlines specific requirements for Participating Retailers. Once enrolled, Participating Retailers are required to abide by the most current version of the Participating Retailer Agreement posted on the Program Website.</p> <p>A signed copy of this document must be uploaded as part of the Enrollment Application.</p> <p>See the Retailer Enrollment section for more information.</p>
Participating Retailer(s)/ Program Participating Retailer(s)	<p>Sellers or lessors of eligible vehicles that have executed the Participating Retailer Agreement and have been approved by the Program Implementer to be eligible for the Program. Only Participating Retailers can offer the California Clean Fuel Reward to customers.</p> <p>See the Overview of the Retailer’s Role and Retailer Enrollment for more information.</p>

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Participating Retailer Affiliate(s)	Any entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a Participating Retailer, including related dealer groups, parent companies, subsidiaries, and/or commonly owned locations. For the purposes of this Program, Participating Retailer Affiliates are treated as associated with the Participating Retailer when engaging in Program-related activities, and are subject to the same eligibility, compliance, and operational requirements.
Personal Information	Information provided by a customer or in possession of the Participating Retailer pursuant to the Program constituting “personal information” under the Data Protection Laws . Distinct from Customer Information , which broadly refers to entity name and contact information that is legally and publicly available.
Personal Information Breach	The accidental or unlawful accessing, disclosure, loss, alteration, or destruction of personal information. Also applies to Business, Service Provider, and Consumer information.
Phase 1	For the purposes of this Program, “ Phase 1 ” refers to the first of two phases of the claim submission process. From a Participating Retailer’s perspective, Phase 1 occurs at or near the time of purchase/lease. Participating Retailers are required to validate customer and vehicle eligibility, gather required information and documents, and then create and submit a Phase 1 Claim via the Retailer Portal. The Program Implementer then reviews and validates the Phase 1 Claim. Upon Phase 1 approval, funds associated with that claim are guaranteed for 180 calendar days. See The Claims Process for more information.
Phase 2	For the purposes of this Program, “ Phase 2 ” refers to the second of two phases of the claim submission process. From a Participating Retailer’s perspective, Phase 2 can be seen as taking place at or after delivery. Participating Retailers verify that all Phase 1 information remains accurate, gather the required Phase 2 information and documents, and then create and submit a Phase 2 Claim via the Retailer Portal. The Program Implementer then reviews and validates the Phase 2 Claim. Upon Phase 2 approval, the Participating Retailer is reimbursed by Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer, usually within 10 business days. See The Claims Process for more information.

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Processing	Operation(s), automated or otherwise, performed on data, such as collection, review, recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure, dissemination, or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure, or destruction.
Program	Refers to the California Clean Fuel Reward. "CCFR" may appear in place of the full Program name in some instances.
Program Administrator	Southern California Edison (SCE) is the Program Administrator for the California Clean Fuel Reward.
Program Document(s)	Any and all documents related to the Program, including but not limited to the Program Guide, the Participating Retailer Agreement, Enrollment Application, the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement, and any and all other present and future ancillary and related documents.
Program Enrollment Date	The date a retailer's Enrollment Application is approved by the Program Implementer. Applicants become Participating Retailers on their respective Program Enrollment Dates.
Program Implementer	Maritz Motivation Inc. (or "Maritz"), a Missouri corporation, is the Program Implementer managing the California Clean Fuel Reward on behalf of CARB and SCE .
Program Launch Date	Late June 2026.
Program Reward ("Reward")	For the purposes of this Program, an amount of money paid by the California Clean Fuel Reward to the Participating Retailer for the benefit of the Customer to offset some portion of the cost of an eligible vehicle. Only one Reward will be allowed per unique VIN.
Program Website	cleanfuelreward.com . The Program's official online presence, containing Program information, documents, resources, and a secure Retailer Portal for Participating Retailers.

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<p>Public Fleet(s)</p>	<p>For the purposes of this Program, “public fleet” refers to a vehicle fleet operated solely by entities subject to the ACF Rule, including: all federal, state, city, and other government fleets, public universities and schools/school districts, public ports/airports, and public special districts such as water, utility, and irrigation districts.</p> <p>Only public fleets are eligible to receive the California Clean Fuel Reward for Class 2b vehicles (private entities and non-profits are not eligible). See Eligibility and Program Rules for more information.</p>
<p>Purchase/Lease Agreement or Sales Contract</p>	<p>A legally binding document setting forth the material terms of a vehicle transaction between a retailer and customer. It identifies the vehicle(s) involved in the transaction, purchase price or lease terms, taxes and fees, delivery conditions, warranties, disclosures, and the rights and obligations of each party. Exact content and format may vary from retailer to retailer.</p> <p>Must be uploaded by a Participating Retailer during the claim submission process and must <i>explicitly</i> call out the California Clean Fuel Reward, and the Reward amount, as a reduction of the total price, excluding taxes and fees, as its own line item. Name(s) and amount(s) of other rebate/incentive program(s) stacked with the California Clean Fuel Reward, if applicable, must be identified separately.</p>
<p>Required Document(s)/ Required Documentation</p>	<p>Any and all documents related to the transaction (purchase or lease) of an eligible vehicle that must be attached to a Phase 1 and/or Phase 2 Claim by the Participating Retailer and uploaded as part of the claim submission. Required document(s) must include all required information, declarations, and disclosures, and be signed and dated by the customer and any other specified stakeholders.</p> <p>Required documents can be considered a subset of Program Documents, and include, but may not be limited to, the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement, the Customer Delivery Acknowledgment, and the Participating Retailer’s Purchase/Lease Agreement or Sales Contract.</p> <p>Customer information must match on <i>all</i> required documents <i>and</i> all corresponding fields on Phase 1 and Phase 2 Claims.</p>
<p>Reward or California Clean Fuel Reward</p>	<p>The reduction in price applied to the purchase or lease price of eligible vehicle(s). The Reward is applied at the time of sale and reimbursed to the Participating Retailer upon final claim approval.</p>

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SCE	Southern California Edison. SCE is a California-based Electric Distribution Utility (EDU) and Program Administrator for the California Clean Fuel Reward.
Service Provider	For the purposes of this Program, a “service provider” is an entity that performs services or functions on behalf of another organization, supporting program administration or implementation. In the context of the California Clean Fuel Reward, the Program Implementer is a service provider of the Program Administrator; the Participating Retailer is a service provider of the Program Implementer.
Stacking	For the purposes of this Program, “stacking” refers to combining the California Clean Fuel Reward with other compatible rebates, rewards, and incentives, as applicable, to maximize cost reduction for the customer. Limitations and eligibility requirements vary by program. The combined total reduction of all programs cannot exceed 90% of the purchase or lease price of a vehicle, excluding taxes and fees. See Reward Details for more information.
Third Party	For the purposes of this Program, a “third party” refers to an entity (a “third-party broker”) who intends to immediately sell or lease an eligible vehicle to another (the “ultimate customer”) and commits to passing the Reward to the ultimate customer.
Ultimate Customer	For the purposes of this Program, the “ultimate customer” refers to an eligible entity that is purchasing or leasing an Eligible Vehicle from a third-party broker. The ultimate customer receives the Reward and is bound by the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement.
Vehicle Manufacturer	An entity that designs, engineers, assembles, and/or produces motor vehicles for sale or lease; also referred to as an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). For the purposes of this Program, “Vehicle Manufacturer” refers to OEMs that produce medium- and heavy-duty (Class 2b–8) BEVs for commercial operations.
VIN	Vehicle Identification Number. A unique 17-character code assigned to a vehicle at the time of manufacture. Only one Reward is allowed per unique eligible VIN.
ZEV	Zero-Emission Vehicle(s). Any vehicle that emits no exhaust gas or other pollutants during normal operation. A Battery-Electric Vehicle (BEV) is a type of ZEV.

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RETAILER SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION

We are committed to delivering a seamless, successful Program experience for Participating Retailers and customers. If you have questions or need help, our Support Team is staffed with trained professionals ready to provide answers and support.

California Clean Fuel Reward Program Headquarters

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. PT, Mon–Fri (excluding holidays)

Phone: 800-880-0320

Email: info@cleanfuelreward.com

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REWARD DETAILS

This section covers California Clean Fuel Reward amounts and compatibility (“stacking”) with other incentive, rebate, and financing programs.

Reward Amount by Vehicle Class

The Reward amount varies by vehicle weight class and is deducted from the purchase or lease price at the time of sale.

The combination of any and all rewards and incentives applied to an individual vehicle, inclusive of the California Clean Fuel Reward, cannot exceed 90% of the vehicle's price, excluding taxes and fees.

VEHICLE CLASS AND WEIGHT <i>GVWR (pounds)</i>		REWARD AMOUNT	VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY
2b*	8,501–10,000	\$7,500	<p>See Eligibility and Program Rules for detailed eligibility information.</p> <p>ELIGIBLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New BEVs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 7,500 miles or less – Have not been previously owned or leased by a customer (regardless of mileage) • Purchased or leased from a Program Participating Retailer
3	10,001–14,000	\$15,000	
4	14,001–16,000	\$15,000	
5	16,001–19,500	\$60,000	
6	19,501–26,000	\$85,000	
7	26,001–33,000	\$85,000	
8	>33,000	\$120,000	

*Class 2b Reward is only available to public fleets subject to the ACF Rule. See [Customer Eligibility](#) for more information.

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Stacking with Other Programs

The California Clean Fuel Reward may stack with certain other state and local rebates, rewards, and/or incentives, as applicable, subject to respective program rules.

IMPORTANT: Customers are solely responsible for determining program compatibility and ensuring all applicable program requirements are met. Refer to the respective program guides of other potentially compatible incentive/rebate programs for information on their rules and requirements. The California Clean Fuel Reward is not responsible for preventing incompatible program stacking and cannot provide guidance or support for other programs.

This table shows the California Clean Fuel Reward’s potential compatibility with selected other California incentive and loan programs, as of May 2026:

PROGRAM ▼	COMPATIBILITY WITH CALIFORNIA CLEAN FUEL REWARD	
	Class 2b ^{†-7} ▼	Class 8 ▼
California Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP)*	✗	✓
Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program*	✓	✓
CARB Truck Loan Assistance Program*	✓	✓
Local Utility-funded truck incentive programs* [†]	✓	✓
Other port, local, regional, and/or state incentives* [†]	✓	✓

This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Compatibility of other programs with the California Clean Fuel Reward is based on current rules for each respective program. Compatibility rules for other programs are subject to change without notice. Refer to the respective program guides of other potentially compatible incentive/rebate programs for detailed information.

*Excluding buses. Buses are **not eligible** for the California Clean Fuel Reward.

[†]As applicable.

[‡] Class 2b Reward is only available to public fleets subject to the ACF Rule.

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Program Stacking Limits and Controls

- **Total stacked incentives and/or price reduction for each eligible vehicle shall not exceed 90% of the total vehicle cost per eligible VIN, excluding taxes and fees. The California Clean Fuel Reward should be applied first.**
- The California Clean Fuel Reward may only be applied once per unique eligible VIN.
- All sources (or potential sources) of co-funding must be disclosed, and their amounts itemized, on the Purchase Agreement, Sales Contract, and/or Lease Agreement documentation attached to the corresponding claim.
- Accepting the California Clean Fuel Reward could invalidate eligibility for other rebates, rewards, or incentives, as applicable, and acceptance of such other rebates, rewards, or incentives may likewise render the customer ineligible for the California Clean Fuel Reward.
- Stacking and program compatibility requirements and guidelines may be modified at any time, without notice. All final decisions concerning the ability to stack the California Clean Fuel Reward with other programs are at the discretion of the administrators of the applicable programs.
- Applicant information, such as VINs, may be shared with other statewide and local incentive programs to aid in application review and eligibility determination. Customers must agree to the terms and conditions that permit such data sharing.

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ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM RULES

Vehicle Eligibility

To be eligible for the California Clean Fuel Reward, vehicle(s) must be:

- Battery-electric
- **Class 2b–8** (8,501–33,000+ lb. GVWR) vehicles
- **For commercial operations:** vehicle(s) used by an Eligible Customer to carry people, property, or hazardous materials.
- Purchased or leased **new** ($\leq 7,500$ miles; not previously owned/leased) from a Participating Retailer

The following types of vehicles **are not eligible** for the California Clean Fuel Reward:

- Buses
- Vehicles with $>7,500$ miles, even if listed as new
- Pre-owned (used) vehicles, regardless of mileage
- New **or** used battery-electric buses, hybrid vehicles, fuel cell vehicles, Electric Power Take-Off (ePTO), battery-electric motorcycles, zero-emission vehicle conversions, and vehicles not meant for on-road use (such as terminal tractors).

Customer Eligibility

Customer eligibility restrictions vary by vehicle class:

CLASS 2b ONLY ELIGIBLE VEHICLES	CLASS 3–8 ELIGIBLE VEHICLES
ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS	ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS
<p>Public Fleets Only</p> <p>Solely entities subject to the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Rule, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All federal, state, city, and other government fleets (see below) • Public universities and public schools/school districts • Public ports/public airports • Public special districts such as water, utility, and irrigation districts 	<p>Public or private entities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or private corporations/businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sole proprietorships – Partnerships – Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs) – Non-profit organizations • Universities and schools/school districts • Government agencies in California (federal, state, city, county, local, tribal)

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<p>State or local government agency is a city, county, public utility, special district, local agency or district, or a public agency of the state of California, and any department, division, public corporation, or public agency of the state of California.</p> <p>Tribal government is defined as all federally recognized tribes in California listed on the most recent notice of the Federal Register, and non-federally recognized tribes, including those listed on the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the California Native American Heritage Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special districts such as water, utility, and irrigation districts • Public or private utilities • Public or private ports/airports
NOT ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE
<p>Private businesses, entities, organizations, and/or private schools/universities</p> <p>Any entity purchasing or leasing primarily for non-commercial use</p>	<p>Any entity purchasing or leasing primarily for non-commercial use</p> <p>Any entity purchasing or leasing from a non-Participating Retailer</p>

Additional Customer Requirements

In addition to the eligibility requirements described above, customer(s) must:

- Have a physical location at the address provided to the Participating Retailer in the Vehicle Purchase/Lease Agreement.
- Provide accurate customer information (organization/business name, address, phone number, email address; name, contact information; and name, contact information, and signature of authorized representative, if applicable) as needed for the transaction. **Customer information used on the claim must match the information on all required documents** (the name, address, etc. must be identical wherever they appear on relevant forms and documents), and the same customer representative who signs the Purchase/Lease Agreement must take delivery of the vehicle(s).
- Take delivery of the vehicle(s) within 180 calendar days of the Phase 1 Claim approval date (Phase 1 Claim submitted by the Participating Retailer; see [The Claims Process](#)).
- Agree to meet all obligations and requirements described in the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement.

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Additional Program Rules and Requirements

- **Vehicle(s) must be registered in the State of California.** A valid California DMV registration (or an application for registration) is required at purchase and must be uploaded as part of the Phase 2 Claim submission.
- Vehicle(s) must maintain active California registration for at least three years.
- **Primary Use in California:** The majority of a vehicle's commercial operations, as described above, must be in the state of California. The customer may use their vehicle(s) outside of California for **no more than 50%** of the vehicle's utilization during the first three years.
- The customer must maintain ownership of the vehicle(s) for at least three years.
- Vehicles must be purchased or leased from an enrolled Program Participating Retailer (use the **Find a Retailer** tool on the Program Website to locate Participating Retailers).
- Eligible vehicles must have a valid VIN.
 - VIN(s) must be provided within 180 calendar days of Phase 1 Claim approval.
 - The Reward can only be applied once per unique VIN.
- The customer must take delivery within 180 calendar days of Phase 1 Claim approval.
- There is no current limit on the number of Rewards per Eligible Customer for eligible vehicles with unique VINs (a customer may receive the Reward for each eligible vehicle purchased or leased).

Program rules, restrictions, and customer responsibilities are set forth in the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement, which must be signed by the customer and uploaded by the Participating Retailer as part of the Phase 1 Claim submission (see [The Claims Process](#) for more information).

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Retailer Eligibility

To qualify as a Participating Retailer, the following requirements must be met:

- Sell or lease new ($\leq 7,500$ miles; not previously owned/leased), Program-eligible Class 2b–8 BEVs
- Be located and licensed to operate in the United States (U.S.-based retailers outside of California **are** eligible to participate)
- Have a valid State Business-Entity ID Number
- Have a valid California Tax Resale Permit Number (must be a CA Permit Number)
- Have a valid Retailer's/Dealer's License Number
- Retailers are required to upload a copy of the Participating Retailer Agreement signed by an authorized representative of the retailer.
 - Upon execution of the Participating Retailer Agreement and approval for enrollment in the Program, the Participating Retailer enters into a legally binding agreement and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the Participating Retailer Agreement, which shall be enforceable by the Program Administrator and/or the Program Implementer.

Retailers must also provide banking information and some additional business documentation with their Enrollment Application. See [Retailer Enrollment](#) for more information and a step-by-step enrollment guide.

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Program Eligibility Checklist

Use this chart to quickly review Reward eligibility criteria for customers and vehicles.

VEHICLES	CUSTOMERS
<p>All of the following criteria must be met for a vehicle to be eligible for the California Clean Fuel Reward:</p> <p><u>Vehicle IS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New with ≤7,500 miles; not previously owned/leased <input type="checkbox"/> Battery-electric <input type="checkbox"/> Being purchased or leased <input type="checkbox"/> From a Participating Retailer (i.e., retailer has enrolled and accepted by the California Clean Fuel Reward Program Implementer) <input type="checkbox"/> For commercial use (to carry people, property, or hazardous materials) <input type="checkbox"/> To be used primarily in California (minimum 50% of use in CA for the first three years) <input type="checkbox"/> Registered and domiciled in California (or will be registered/domiciled at delivery) <p><u>Vehicle IS NOT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Being offered as new with >7,500 miles <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-owned (used) regardless of mileage <input type="checkbox"/> A bus <input type="checkbox"/> Not intended for on-road use (such as a terminal tractor or spotter) <input type="checkbox"/> Internal combustion <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid, fuel cell, compressed natural gas, ePTO, or otherwise non-BEV 	<p>Customer eligibility varies by vehicle class. If you are not certain whether a customer qualifies, please contact Program Headquarters.</p> <p><u>All Vehicle Classes (2b–8)—Customer IS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Purchasing or leasing eligible vehicle(s) from a Participating Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Using the vehicle(s) for commercial operations (to carry people, property, or hazardous materials) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating primarily in California (minimum 50% of use in CA for the first three years) <input type="checkbox"/> Registering (or has registered) and domiciling the vehicle(s) in CA for at least three years <input type="checkbox"/> NOT purchasing or leasing for non-commercial operations or operations primarily outside of California <p><u>Class 2b Vehicle(s) Only—Customer IS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to the ACF Regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a public fleet for one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Any federal, state, city, local, tribal, or governmental agency of the state of California <input type="checkbox"/> A public university or school district <input type="checkbox"/> A public port or airport <input type="checkbox"/> Any public special district (water, utility, irrigation, etc.) <p><u>Class 3–8 Vehicle(s)—Customer IS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A private or public corporation, business, agency, school/university, organization, or non-profit entity

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PROGRAM BUDGET AND FUNDING

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Funding Windows

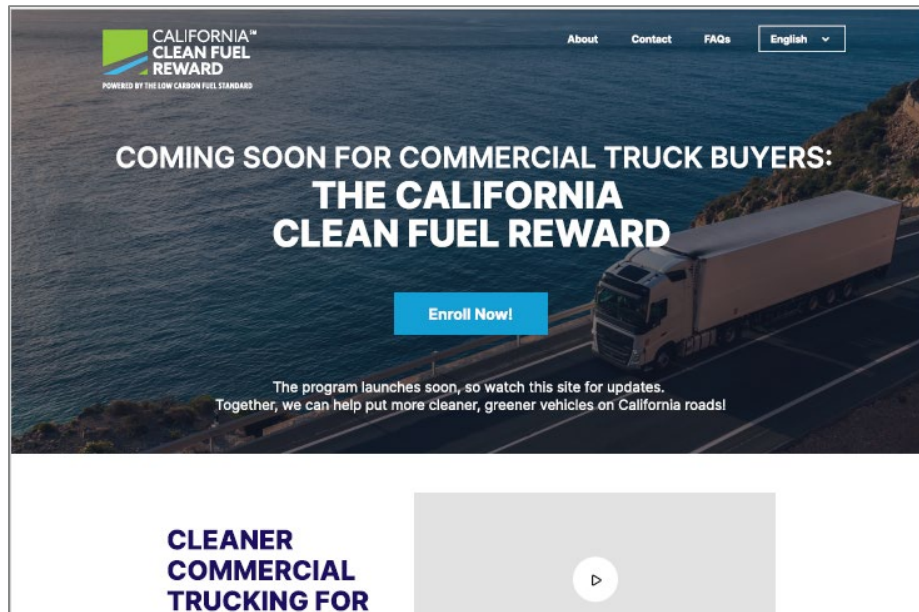
To ensure the continued availability of funds throughout the life of the Program, Rewards are allocated to Funding Windows that open periodically. Up-to-date funding details are available on the Program Website.

Changes to Funding and/or Reward Amount

If the Reward amount(s) or total Program funding changes for any reason, relevant updates will be communicated to Participating Retailers in the Retailer Portal and via email at least 30 calendar days prior to the change taking effect.

PROGRAM WEBSITE

The [Program Website \(cleanfuelreward.com\)](https://cleanfuelreward.com) is the most up-to-date source for Program information and Claim management, including the latest version of this Program Guide. If you have downloaded the Program Guide, please check the Program Website to ensure you have the most current version.



Program Website home page at cleanfuelreward.com.

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OVERVIEW OF THE RETAILER'S ROLE

As a primary conduit for communicating the opportunity to customers, Participating Retailers are key to the California Clean Fuel Reward.

At a high level, a Participating Retailer's role includes the following elements:

- Create an account on the [Program Website](#) and submit a completed Enrollment Application and signed Participating Retailer Agreement.
- Verify customer and vehicle eligibility according to Program rules.
- Review Program requirements, the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement, and other relevant information with Eligible Customers.
- Provide the Reward to customers at the point of sale.
- Collect all required customer, vehicle, and purchase/lease information necessary to submit a claim.
- Create and submit reimbursement claim(s) for each customer/transaction using the Retailer Portal on the Program Website.
- Receive reimbursement from the Program for approved claims.

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RETAILER ENROLLMENT

Retailers may enroll at any time during the Program. Only Participating Retailers (retailers that have submitted an Enrollment Application *and* have been approved by the Program Implementer) may offer the California Clean Fuel Reward.

Claims for transactions occurring before a retailer's Enrollment Application is approved and/or prior to the official Program Start Date will not be reimbursed.

Retailers complete a simple online application to enroll in the Program, providing basic company and contact information, bank account information (for reimbursement via ACH), and a signed copy of the Participating Retailer Agreement. Once the application is reviewed and approved, the applicant will become a Program Participating Retailer and will be able to offer the California Clean Fuel Reward to customers. Applications are usually processed within five business days.

Before Starting an Enrollment Application

To expedite the application process, applicants should gather the following required materials in advance:

- State Business Entity Number
- California Tax Resale Permit Number (must be a CA Permit Number)
- Dealer License Number
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)/Tax ID
- Completed W-9:
 - The Program Implementer will issue a 1099 to the Participating Retailer with respect to any reimbursement of Program Rewards, based on the Participating Retailer's tax classification status included in their W-9 submission. 1099s are not sent to any Participating Retailer that is a corporation (including C, S, and LLCs taxed as corporations).
- Business bank account and routing number:
 - A business bank account is required for reimbursement.
 - Checking or Savings accounts **only**; wire transfer or other account types are **not valid** for enrollment.
 - Reimbursements occur via ACH transfer.

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- A **signed** copy of the Participating Retailer Agreement:
 - This document must be signed (digitally or manually) and uploaded with the Enrollment Application.
 - By signing the Participating Retailer Agreement, the applicant agrees to enter into a binding contract, enforceable by the Program Administrator and/or the Program Implementer.
- Retailer information:
 - Retailer’s legal business name
 - Doing Business As (DBA) name, if applicable
 - Address and phone number
 - Name, role/title and contact information of the Primary Business Contact:
 - Primary Business Contact receives all Program communications.

Enrolling Your Retailer: Step by Step

Retailers must complete their own Enrollment Applications. The Program Administrator, Implementer, and California Clean Fuel Reward Program Headquarters cannot enroll on a retailer’s behalf.

Retailers with multiple locations (including direct-to-customer retailers and retailers that are part of a group) **must create individual accounts and enroll separately for each location or member.**

Follow these steps to enroll:

1. Visit the Program Website at cleanfuelreward.com.
 - a. If you already have an account, log in with your credentials.
 - b. Otherwise, select the **Create Account/Login** button, provide the required information, and then click the link in the verification email.

Note: The same email address/login **cannot** be used to enroll multiple retailers and/or locations.
2. Once you are logged in, select the **Enroll** button.
3. Fill out the Enrollment Application. **All fields are required** unless otherwise specified:
 - a. First and last name of the primary business contact for the retailer
 - b. Email address of the primary business contact
 - c. Role/title of the primary business contact
 - d. Mobile phone number of primary business contact
 - e. Retailer’s legal business name
 - f. DBA name (if applicable)

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- g. Retailer business phone number
 - h. Retailer address, city, state, and ZIP code
4. In the **Vehicle Brands** field, indicate all *eligible* vehicle brands offered by the retailer (select as many as needed). See [Eligibility and Program Rules](#) for information on vehicle eligibility.
5. Complete all required Business Identification and Banking Information fields:
 - a. EIN/Tax ID (Employer Identification Number/Tax ID)
 - b. Dealer's License Number
 - c. Business Entity Number
 - d. Tax Resale Permit Number (nine characters)
 - e. Business Website (optional, but recommended; business websites will be included on the California Clean Fuel Reward Participating Retailer List and the **Find a Retailer** tool on the Program Website)
 - f. Bank Account Type (must be an **ACH Checking** or **Savings** account; wire transfer and other account types are **not valid**)
 - g. Routing Number
 - h. Account Number
6. In the **Required Documents** section, select **Browse File** and attach:
 - a. A **signed** Participating Retailer Agreement (signatures can be digital or manual)
 - b. A completed W-9
 - c. Any supporting documentation (if requested by the support team)
7. Review the Enrollment Application to ensure all required fields are completed, and all information is accurate.
8. Agree to the veracity/accuracy certification by placing a check mark in the corresponding box.
9. Double-check your application one more time, then select **Submit Enrollment**.

After Submitting Your Application

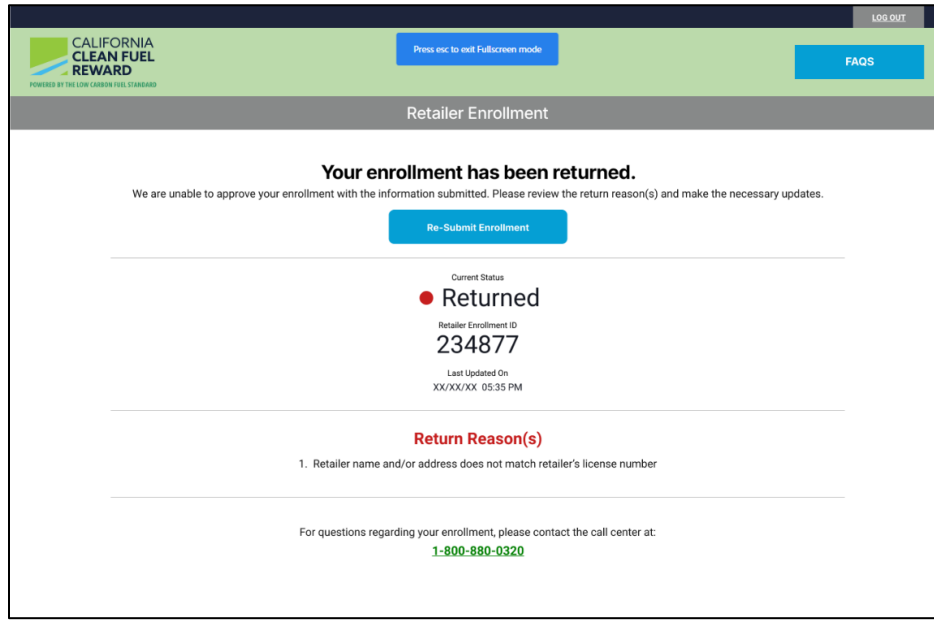
Once your Enrollment Application has been submitted, an automated confirmation email will be sent to the primary business contact.

Enrollment Applications are usually processed within five business days. Once approved, you will receive confirmation of your Participating Retailer status via an automated email.

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Returned Enrollments

If an Enrollment Application cannot be approved as-is, the retailer will be notified by automated email. In most cases, the retailer can correct the issue(s) and resubmit.



Example of a returned Enrollment Application.

Common Causes of Enrollment Problems

Retailer enrollments are most often delayed or returned when information is missing or incorrect in the Enrollment Application or required documents. The most common enrollment problems to watch out for are:

- **Unsigned (or improperly signed) Participating Retailer Agreement.** The Participating Retailer Agreement is a binding contract that must be signed by an authorized retailer representative and attached to the Enrollment Application. Documents can be signed digitally or manually.
- **Incorrect or missing business identification information.** Before submitting your application, double-check the following information:
 - EIN
 - Dealer's License Number
 - Business Entity Number
 - California Tax Resale Permit Number

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- **Listing a retailer's DBA name as its legal business name, or vice versa.** Some organizations do business under a name other than the one under which they are legally incorporated (for example, the National Railroad Transportation Corporation is a legal entity that does business as "Amtrak"). The **Retailer's Legal Business Name** field should include the full legal name of the retailer, while the optional **Doing Business As** field should be completed only if the retailer does business under a different name.
- **Incorrect or missing banking information.** A business bank account is required for reimbursement. Prior to applying, be sure to verify the:
 - Account type (only ACH checking or savings accounts are eligible; do not enter a wire transfer or other account type)
 - Routing number
 - Account number
- **Skipping required fields on the application.** Unless otherwise specified, *all fields* on the Enrollment Application are required.

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THE CLAIMS PROCESS

The California Clean Fuel Reward can be claimed only once per eligible vehicle; however, customers who purchase or lease multiple eligible vehicles can receive the Reward for each. There is currently no limit to the number of Rewards a single customer can receive.

Participating Retailers apply the Reward at the time of sale or lease, then create and submit a **reimbursement claim** via the Retailer Portal on the [Program Website](#).

This section provides a general overview of the claims process from a retailer's perspective.

Two-Phased Process

New commercial vehicle sales and leases, particularly heavy-duty vehicles, are typically not "drive off the lot" transactions. Delivery may take place months or even years after the initial sale. Because of this, the claims process for the California Clean Fuel Reward is completed in two phases that roughly correspond to "time of sale" and "after delivery."

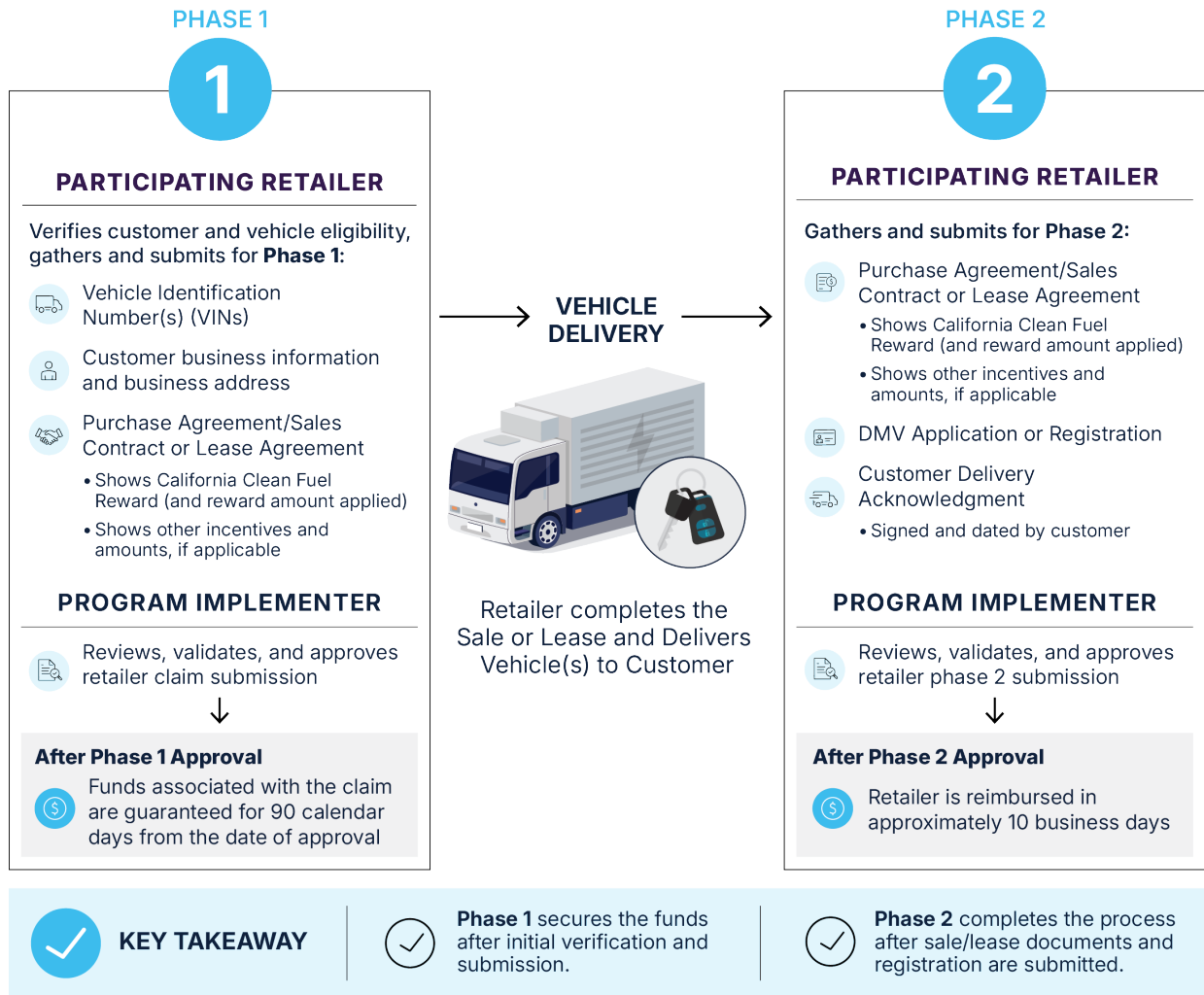
During Phase 1, the Participating Retailer validates customer and vehicle eligibility for the Reward and gathers and submits required information and documentation. Reimbursement funds are reserved upon Phase 1 Claim approval.

Between Phase 1 and Phase 2, the Participating Retailer completes all activities necessary to finalize the sale or lease and delivers the vehicle(s) to the customer. VIN(s) must be provided, **and** vehicle(s) must be delivered within 180 calendar days of Phase 1 Claim approval; otherwise, the claim can be rejected and the reserved funds released.

During Phase 2, the Participating Retailer gathers and submits required documentation for verification by the Program Implementer. Once Phase 2 has been approved, the Participating Retailer is reimbursed by ACH transfer.

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Claim Submission Process Overview



Note: In the unlikely event that a claim is denied in Phase 2, the Program Implementer will inform the Participating Retailer and assess potential remedies on a per-case basis.

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Claims Involving Third-Party Sales

Participating Retailers can still offer the Reward and receive reimbursement when selling or leasing eligible vehicles to an entity that intends to act as a “third-party broker,” that is, an entity that intends to immediately sell or lease the vehicle to an end-use customer (the “ultimate customer”), **provided** the third-party broker commits to passing the Reward to the ultimate customer.

Transactions involving a third-party broker require the following during the claims process:

- Confirm the ultimate customer is eligible to receive the Reward, and ensure that both the third-party broker and the ultimate customer execute the appropriate sections on the signature page of the Customer Terms and Conditions Agreement; and
- Upload all required documents related to **both** the third-party broker and the ultimate customer. The ultimate customer’s name and address must be included on the California Vehicle registration/title application.

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