



Driver and Vehicle Services Update Bulletin

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Road User Charge (RUC) for Electric and Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles **Acts 85 and 149 of 2024**

Starting April 1, 2025, Pennsylvania will begin to charge electric vehicle (EV) and plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHEV) owners a yearly Road User Charge (RUC) fee. This fee is required by Act 85 of 2024 (later amended by Act 149 of 2024), which was passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Shapiro. Act 85 of 2024 set the Commonwealth on a path to modernize how EV and PHEV owners support road and bridge maintenance.

The new law creates a fair way for all drivers to help maintain Pennsylvania's transportation network, ensuring that EV and PHEV owners who pay no or very little gas tax are also contributing to Pennsylvania's Motor License Fund for highway and bridge maintenance. Registrants driving a gas-powered car already contribute to the maintenance of Pennsylvania's road and bridge network through gas taxes.

Owners or registrants of EVs and PHEVs with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 14,000 pounds will pay an annual electric vehicle RUC concurrent with paying the vehicle registration fee.

Vehicle owners that had a new registration for an EV or PHEV issued on or after April 1, 2025, will be subject to the RUC. The Department of Transportation will send a RUC coupon to the owner or registrant for the payment of the RUC for the initial registration. The owner/registrator in return will mail the RUC coupon to the Department of Transportation with a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Owners or registrants that renew their vehicle registration that expires after May 2025 for an EV or PHEV will also be subject to the RUC. The Department of Transportation will send a RUC coupon to the owner or registrant for the payment of the RUC for their recent vehicle registration renewal. The owner/registrator will return the RUC coupon by mail with a check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

If an owner or registrant brings a RUC Coupon to your agent service, you can messenger or mail that RUC coupon to PennDOT with the customer's check or money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RUC Amounts for EV and PHEV owners:

Year	EVs	PHEVs (25% of EV Fee)
2025	One year: \$200 Two year: \$400	One year: \$50 Two year: \$100
2026	One year: \$250 Two year: \$500	One year: \$63 Two year: \$126
Each Jan. 1 thereafter	Tied to consumer price index (CPI)	25% of EV fee, rounded to the nearest whole dollar

Initially, the RUC will be paid separately from a customer's vehicle registration payment. Failure to pay the RUC within 30 days of the enrollment date established by the PennDOT will result in a prohibition on renewal of the EV or PHEV's registration.

Starting in July 2026, EV and PHEV owners can opt for a monthly payment plan or continue to pay the one-time flat fee.

PennDOT is working on system upgrades that will allow EV and PHEV owners to pay the RUC through the web-based system. This is expected to be completed by late summer 2025.

In addition, Act 85 added definitions for a Battery, Electric vehicle charging station and Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle and amended the definitions for Electric vehicle and Hybrid electric vehicle. Act 85 also added definitions to Section 9002 for an Exempt Entity and amended definitions for Alternative fuel dealer-user and Person.

Act 149 of 2024 updated the effective date for the electric vehicle road user charge from January 1, 2025, to April 1, 2025.

You can review the complete text of Act 85 of 2024 at [2024 Act 85 - The Official Website of the Pennsylvania General Assembly](#).