

EKAPCD DMV Grant Voucher Program Common Questions

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the District's DMV Grant Voucher Program the applicant must primarily reside in Eastern Kern County.

What vehicles are eligible?

An eligible vehicle must be new not used, purchased not leased, and rated as either ZEV, PZEV, or ULEV.

What is ZEV, PZEV, and ULEV?

These acronyms are EPA Smog Ratings/Smog Scores. They can be found on the window sticker of the new vehicle, under the hood on the EPA emissions label, or vehicles can be looked up on websites such as [Fuel Economy.gov](http://FuelEconomy.gov).

ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) includes all vehicles that produce zero emissions: Typically all electric- batteries or fuel cells. This would mean no fuel combustion whatsoever.

PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) could include gasoline, CNG, or hybrid vehicles. PZEVs usually have a smog score of 8 or 9. Not all hybrids automatically fall into this category. An eligible hybrid would need to be rated as ATPZEV (Alternative Technology Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) or have a smog score of 8 or 9.

ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicle) have a smog score of 6 or 7. This category includes most gasoline sedans and hybrids that are not rated as PZEV, and some pickups and vans.

Be advised: Not every new vehicle will fall into one of these three emission classifications, some will be below them and not eligible for the program. If an applicant is uncertain about a vehicle it would be best to contact the District prior to purchasing.