

Clean Cars 4 All

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I have a vehicle to retire. Where and how do I start the application process?

- a. Step 1: To qualify for the program an individual must have a household income of less than or equal to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Check your income eligibility through [detailed-guidelines-2026.pdf](#) (revised every year).
- b. Step 2: Use this [tool](#) to determine if you live in an [air district](#) that implements a Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) program.
- c. Step 3: If you live in an implementing air district, apply through your [respective air district's Clean Cars 4 All \(CC4A\) program](#). If you do not live in an implementing air district, you can apply through the Driving Clean Assistance Program (DCAP) [Clean Cars 4 All](#) program. Additional application assistance is available through [Access Clean California](#).

2. If I don't have a vehicle to retire, which program could I qualify for?

The DCAP's Financing Assistance pathway was available to applicants who did not have a vehicle to retire. Unfortunately, DCAP's Financial Assistance pathway closed in August 2026. There is currently no date for reopening as there are no new funds.

You may want to consider the **MyFirstEV** program. MyFirstEV offers an immediate point-of-sale incentive of **\$3,500** toward the purchase of a new eligible vehicle priced under **\$50,000**, or **\$1,750** toward the purchase of an eligible used vehicle priced under **\$25,000**. Vehicles manufactured by companies headquartered in California are exempt from the price cap. For more information, visit [My First EV | California Air Resources Board](#).

3. Are CC4A/ DCAP incentives retroactive? Can I purchase a vehicle first and then apply for an incentive?

CC4A/DCAP incentives are **NOT** retroactive. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit their [administering air district/DCAP](#) website to view the eligibility requirements and apply for the program **before** purchasing a vehicle.

4. My car is totaled. Can I still apply for the program?

No, a totaled vehicle is not eligible for retiring/scraping. Only functional vehicles are allowed to be retired under the CC4A program.

5. What should I do if my local CC4A program is closed?

If your local CC4A program is currently closed, applications cannot be submitted at this time. Please check your local CC4A program's website for updates on program availability and information on whether and when applications may reopen. Applicants should only apply through the CC4A program serving their area of residence.

For program status and updates, please visit your administering air district/DCAP webpage.

6. What is the status of my application and how long will the application processing take?

Application processing times vary based on applicant needs, application completeness, financial counseling, and chosen incentive pathway. Both DCAP and CC4A programs follow strict legislative requirements and thoroughly review documentation including tax forms or alternative income sources to verify eligibility.

CARB staff do not have access to your applications. Please reach out directly to the program administrator (Driving Clean Assistance Program or Clean Cars 4 All implementing Air District) who you applied through to check the status of your application.

7. Does my vehicle qualify to be retired under the CC4A program?

Please refer to your respective CC4A program administrator's FAQs page to see if your vehicle qualifies for the CC4A program:

- **Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District: [FAQs](#)**
- **Bay Area Air Quality Management District: [FAQs](#)**
- **San Diego Air Pollution Control District: [FAQs](#)**
- **South Coast Air Quality Management District: [FAQs](#)**
- **San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District: [FAQs](#)**
- **Driving Clean Assistance Program: [FAQs](#)**

8. Which vehicles are eligible to be bought or leased under the regional CC4A program and DCAP?

New or used plug-in hybrid, battery electric, fuel cell electric vehicles, and

zero-emission motorcycles, are eligible replacement vehicles through Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A). Mobility options like e-bikes and transit cards are also available. **Conventional hybrids are no longer replacement option.** Leased vehicles must be new and listed as eligible on [CARB's official List of Eligible Vehicles](#). Vehicles must be purchased or leased from a district approved dealership.

Please refer to your program administrator's webpage to check their network of authorized dealerships. You can find your respective Clean Cars 4 All program administrator at the [webpage for administering air districts/DCAP](#).

9. Is there a deadline to apply for the program?

There's no deadline to apply for the program. If your respective CC4A program administrator has funding available, they will remain open to applications. Please visit your respective [administering air district/DCAP](#) website to check the status of the program.

District CC4A programs generally operate on a first-come, first-served basis, while DCAP's CC4A program is needs-based. [You can read more about DCAP's program eligibility criteria on their webpage.](#)

10. Why are there so many different versions of the CC4A program?

CARB recognizes that every region is distinct and that a single set of eligibility requirements will exclude those who would benefit the most. The five largest air districts and the statewide administrator have the flexibility to tailor their programs to meet region-specific needs.

If the administrators adhere to the minimum requirements established by CARB, they may design program elements beyond what is included in CARB's [regulation](#) to best equitably serve their communities. CARB is currently working with all CC4A-program administrators to best align the air district run CC4A programs and the statewide Driving Clean Assistance Program (DCAP). This work is taking place with close attention paid to the overall goal of the program; improving air quality while helping lower income consumers.

11. We are a dealership interested in signing up for the program. Where do we start the enrollment process?

To sign up for the CC4A program you must reach out to the program administrators directly. See below to get started:

- **Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District:** [Participating Dealerships](#)

- **Bay Area Air Quality Management District:** Contact cleancarsforall@baaqmd.gov. Check out the [FAQs](#)
- **San Diego Air Pollution Control District:** Contact Eric Luther at eric.luther@sdapcd.org
- **South Coast Air Quality Management District:** [Vendors](#)
- **San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District:** Contact Brian Dodds at brian.dodds@valleyair.org
- **Driving Clean Assistance Program:** [Dealership Network - Driving Clean Assistance Program](#)

12. How do I contact CARB?

You may contact us at our email at CC4ASupport@arb.ca.gov. CARB also invites the public to share thoughts and opinions on the CC4A program through workgroups and workshops. These meetings are meant for the public to share feedback regarding policies that shape programs. Find opportunities to engage at [the Events and Workshops webpage](#).

Questions regarding individual CC4A cases will not be answered and all questions regarding eligibility criteria and individual cases should be directed to your local air district or statewide administrator.

Additional assistance in applying for incentive programs is available through [Access Clean California](#).