



The TLC commissioners approved a one-year extension of the FHV vehicle license pause. As part of this extension, an additional exception to the pause was added. In addition to the wheelchair accessible vehicle and lease-to-own exceptions, beginning August 14, 2019, owners of electric vehicles may also receive a new FHV vehicle license.

Read below to learn about each of these exceptions.

Want to purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle?

Purchasing a wheelchair accessible vehicle helps the City's for-hire fleet be more accessible to all New Yorkers. Owners of wheelchair accessible vehicles may apply for a new FHV vehicle license if their vehicle meets TLC's [Accessible Vehicle Requirements](#). Examples of vehicles that meet TLC's accessible vehicle requirements can be found within the Approved Vehicle List on the [Yellow Cab Hack-Up page](#).

Are you in a lease-to-own agreement?

In certain limited circumstances, TLC will issue a new FHV license to owners who entered into a long-term lease with an option to purchase the vehicle AND the owner has taken ownership of the vehicle pursuant to the lease-to-own agreement. Applications under the lease-to-own exception will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. More information about this process can be found in the [Lease to Own Guidelines](#).

Considering an electric vehicle?

Electric vehicle owners provide clean, green for-hire transportation. Electric vehicles are vehicles powered only by a battery. Vehicles with a gas tank (such as hybrids and plug-in hybrids) are NOT electric vehicles, and are not eligible for the electric vehicle exception.

Examples of **electric** vehicles



Chevrolet Bolt
Nissan Leaf
Tesla Model 3

Examples of vehicles that are **NOT** electric



Chevrolet Volt
Toyota Highlander Hybrid
Toyota Prius Prime Plug-In Hybrid

Before you purchase or lease an electric vehicle, there are a few important factors you should consider.

? **How far can the vehicle travel on one charge?**

Most electric vehicles can travel less distance after each charge than a gas-powered vehicle with a full tank. The vehicle you are considering should have a range longer than the miles you cover in a typical work day, or you should know where you can charge your vehicle during breaks in your workday. Also consider the impacts summer and winter temperatures have on an electric vehicle's range. Cold temperatures during the winter months, along with electric heat needed to warm the inside of a vehicle, can greatly reduce an electric vehicle's range. Summer temperatures, along with air conditioning to cool the inside of a vehicle, also reduces range. Other electric vehicle owners and dealers can help you understand the range you should reasonably expect from an electric vehicle.

? **How long does it take to charge the vehicle?**

Unlike gas-powered cars, which can add hundreds of miles of range after only a few minutes at the gas pump, owners of electric vehicles must consider the time it takes to recharge their vehicles. The time to fully recharge an electric vehicle depends on the vehicle as well as the type of charger used. Level 1 chargers, which use standard household electric, only add between 2 and 5 miles of range for every hour the vehicle is charged. Level 2 chargers, the most commonly-available chargers, add around 20 miles of range per hour. DC Fast Chargers can add around 90 miles of range in about 30 minutes.

? **Where can I charge the vehicle?**

New York State has an easy-to-read [vehicle charging guide](#) on at-home and public chargers. Most electric vehicles are charged overnight at the owner's home. In NYC, many owners do not have the option of plugging in their vehicle at home in a garage overnight. If charging your vehicle at home is an option for you, you will need to have a charger professionally installed at your home. Purchasing a vehicle charger and having it installed in your home can cost up to \$2,000. New York State has an [interactive map](#) of all public electric vehicle chargers. We recommend you visit charging locations you are considering using to confirm the charger is compatible with the vehicle you are considering, to see if there is a line to use the charger, and to find out if you are charged to access to the charger's location (chargers in parking garages are typically available only to owners who have paid to enter the garage).

? **Can I receive State and Federal incentives when purchasing or leasing an electric vehicle?**

New York State rebates and Federal Tax incentives can help offset the additional cost of purchasing an electric vehicle. However, New York State and the US government have unique criteria for who is eligible to receive these incentives, as well as which vehicles are eligible under these programs. New York State lists [available state and federal incentives](#) for electric vehicles. We encourage you to review this information as well as speak with a [NYS participating electric vehicle dealer](#) to learn more about available incentives.

To begin your application for an FHV vehicle license, your base must submit a Base Affirmation with TLC. More information on how to apply can be found on the [Get a For-Hire Vehicle License](#) section of the TLC website.