

The Federal Government Wants to Give You Up to \$4,500!

Cash for Clunkers, a billion-dollar, government-funded program, officially known as the Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS), is a federal program passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. Cash for Clunkers is aimed at providing new car shoppers with vouchers worth up to \$3500-\$4,500 when trading in an older used car for a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle. There are also various credits for trucks and work trucks.

The program divides cars, trucks, SUVs and minivans into several categories, in most cases based on weight and size of the wheelbase. Vehicles that are traded in, are to be crushed, not resold, and the sticker price of the NEW replacement vehicle is not to exceed \$45,000. Consumers should know that in cases where your used car is worth *more* than \$4,500, this bill will probably not make financial sense for you.

If you are eligible to take advantage of Cash for Clunkers, you will be taking the voucher **INSTEAD** of trading in your car for a trade in value. The voucher replaces the trade in. The program is expected to begin in late July and end on November 1, 2009.

What You Need to Know About Cash for Clunkers

If you're interested in taking advantage of this program, here are a few things to keep in mind:

Vehicles eligible for trade-in must:

1. Have a combined city/highway fuel economy of 18 MPG or less as calculated by the EPA
2. Be manufactured in model year 1984 or later
3. Be insured and registered in your name and in use for at least one year
4. Fuel economy of the new vehicle you want to buy must be at least 4 MPG above your old vehicle (MPG requirements vary according to vehicle type)

Does Your Clunker Qualify for a Rebate?

View complete list of eligible vehicles at:
www.Edmunds.com/CashForClunkersEligibleVehicles

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How much are the vouchers worth?

This depends on the car you are turning in and the type of car you buy. In general, the dollar amount ranges between \$3,500-\$4,500, depending on the improvement in fuel economy between your old car and the car you buy.

What types of vehicles qualify?

The categories of vehicles that will qualify fall into four classes: passenger cars, pickup trucks/SUV/minivan, large light-duty trucks (6,000-8,500 pounds) and work trucks (8,500-10,000 pounds). www.Edmunds.com/CashForClunkersEligibleVehicles

Is there a time limit or cap on the number of vehicles?

The program has been funded with \$1 billion, and that funding has been approved through November of 2009. Unless additional funding is provided, the program will expire in November.

What happens to the car that you trade in?

The dealer is responsible for sending the vehicle to a disposal facility. The entire vehicle will be crushed or shredded so that the car does not end up on the road again.

Beside domestic brands, will foreign-built vehicles be eligible as the new vehicle to be purchased?

Yes.

The legislation limits the price of the new car to \$45,000. Is that the base sticker price (before tax and add-ons)? Or is it the amount actually paid for the new vehicle?

It is the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP)

Where do I find the mpg numbers to see if my vehicle qualifies for the Cash for Clunkers vouchers?

The EPA's combined mileage will be used. This is a combination of the highway and city mileage for vehicles. Models prior to 2008 will use the converted MPG numbers which take into account the new EPA testing methods. This information can be found on the window sticker of the car or at www.fueleconomy.gov.

Does the new car have to be brand-new or could it be a newer used car?

It has to be brand-new car, never previously owned.

Where can I find additional information on the Cash for Clunkers program?

Go online to <http://www.edmunds.com/industry-car-news/cash-for-clunkers.html> or details regarding this program, a complete list of eligible trade-in vehicles, and pricing information.