RUC CHARGES AND HOW TO PAY THE FEES

What is the definition of an Electric Vehicle and Plug-in Hybrid Vehicle and which units must pay the RUC fee:

- **Electric vehicles (EVs):** a motor vehicle that delivers power to its drive wheel or wheels solely by use of a battery-powered electric motor
- **Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV):** a motor vehicle that can deliver power to the drive wheels solely by a battery-powered electric motor, but which also incorporates the use of another fuel to power a combustion engine. The battery of the vehicle must be capable of receiving energy from an external source, such as an outlet or charging station.

The RUC fee is required on every EV and PHEV vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 14,000 pounds.

The RUC must be a separate cost explained to the customer and paid with a separate check/money order for either 1.) the flat payment or 2.) the initial payment for the payment plan option.

Either, the MV-600 and payment must be mailed to PennDOT **with a separate check/money order from the application for title and registration.**

Or, the dealer can go online to pay through the portal on behalf of the customer, after the titlework is processed, and if an MV-753 is completed.

If mailing, dealers will send to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 68616, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8275. The check should be made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

The online access portal is https://roadusercharge.penndot.pa.gov/

New Vehicles

1. **For any new EV or PHEV vehicles being sold, the customer is required to pay the RUC charge.** The customer can pay with a check for the RUC charge using the MV-600 form; or, once the title work is processed, the customer can go online to the PennDOT portal and pay the RUC charge with a credit card. If the dealership collects the money, the dealer can either write a check made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" and submit the check with the MV-600 or the dealer can go into the portal once the titlework is processed and pay the RUC fee on behalf of the customer -the dealership will need to have a completed MV-753 to give the dealership the permission to access the portal.

2. **The titlework can be processed online.** The title work should still be processed online using an approved integrator (e.g. Vitu). The MV-600 along with a customer or dealer check for the appropriate RUC amount will be sent either through a messenger or directly to the state to make the payment. The dealership can also go online and pay the RUC fee through the portal if the dealer collected the money up front from the customer. The dealership will need to have a completed MV-753 to give the dealership the permission to access the portal.
3. **Agents are required to assist getting the RUC fees paid**.

Used Vehicles

1. The used electric vehicle RUC charge must be collected or processed online after the online title work is submitted/processed in the integrator's system (e.g. Vitu). **Do not go online to pay the RUC fee until the online title work is completed. Otherwise, the monies will go towards the previous customer's account, and the new customer will have to pay the fee again.**

2. The fee will be collected from the customer by the dealership/agent at time of sale, and the MV-600 will be completed along with a check from the customer. Or, the dealer will write the check and mail it to the messenger or PennDOT with the appropriate fees. The dealership can also use PennDOT's portal to pay the fees. The dealership will need to have a completed MV-753 to give the dealership permission to access the portal.

Certain Issues that May Arise Relating to RUC

1. If a customer is trading an EV or PHEV vehicle and they still owe the RUC charges from last year, the customer will need to pay the fee prior to trading the vehicle in. If the trade vehicle has a D stop, then the dealership/agent can email RA-PDRUCTEAM@pa.gov, with the vin number, title number and previous plate number, and PennDOT will remove the D stop off the vehicle and place it against the individual who owes the money.

2. There is no credit for the previous RUC fee paid on the trade-in unless the customer is transferring their plate to the new vehicle the customer is purchasing.

3. There is no refund for any "unused" portion of the RUC charge.

4. If the customers wants to pay on a monthly basis they can go on the portal and select monthly payments or complete the mv-600 to indicate monthly fee and then submit to PennDOT with the first month payment

5. <u>If the dealership is going to charge the RUC fee and pay it on behalf of the customer, it must be itemized on the buyer's order.</u> Both the buyer's order and any finance contract should have the RUC fee itemized on it. If the customer is writing a check for the fee, then the RUC fee does not appear on the buyer's order or finance contract.

6. The names on the RUC form have to match the title work.

7. The RUC charge also applies to transfer of plates.

8. When transferring a plate that has months remaining on the registration from a gas vehicle to an EV or PHEV, the RUC charges will not be charged until the customer renews their registration.

9. Government agencies are exempt from the RUC charge.