

# Electrify Your Ride

## A Step-by-Step for Purchasing an Electric Vehicle

Switching to an electric vehicles isn't just good for the planet, it's smart for your wallet, your comfort and your future. EVs are far cheaper to run, require little maintenance and are fun to drive!

### 1. See how an EV can fit your life

Count up the kilometres you typically drive so that you can understand what range you need. Think about your daily drives: school runs, work commutes, weekend trips. Most people find they travel less than 40km a day, well within the range of even the smallest EVs.

### 2. Explore your EV options

Research what's on the market. Compare range, price, size, and features. Our *EVs: Lower Bills & Way More Fun* brochure and the links below are good places to start. Consider new and used options, New Zealand has a growing second-hand EV market with great value choices.

### 5. Explore home charging options

Most people charge at home overnight using a standard 3 pin plug (which comes with the EV), or a faster 7kW wall charger (\$1,500-\$3,000). If home charging isn't an option, public charging options including 150kW rapid chargers can add 300km of range in about 20-30 minutes.

### 4. Try one out

Book a test drive at a local dealership. You'll be surprised by how different it feels. Instant acceleration, a smooth and quiet ride, and clever tech features that make driving easier. Many people find that once they've driven an EV, it feels like a major upgrade from their old car.

### 7. Check out financing options

Some banks offer 0% to 1% loans for sustainable purchases like EVs, including the charger. These "green loans" can make it easier to get started. The loan terms depend on the bank - if it's short (e.g. 3-5 years), it might mean high repayments during the loan term, but big running cost savings later.

### 8. Make it happen & enjoy the ride

Once you've found the right model, it's time to make it yours. Shop around for the best deal. Compare dealerships, private sellers, and finance options. Before you sign, double-check the battery health, warranty, and service history so you can drive away with confidence.

### Useful Resources

**Compare EVs:** [evdb.nz/evs](http://evdb.nz/evs)

**FAQs:** [rewiring.nz/electrification-faq/vehicles](http://rewiring.nz/electrification-faq/vehicles)

**General Advice:** NZ EV Drivers Facebook Group

**Knowledge Hub:** [driveelectric.org.nz/knowledge-hub/](http://driveelectric.org.nz/knowledge-hub/)

**Public Charging Info & Guide:** [evdb.nz/chargers](http://evdb.nz/chargers)

**Running Cost Calculator:** [evdb.nz/cost-calc](http://evdb.nz/cost-calc)



### Ready to explore EVs?

Whether you're just starting to explore your options or ready to take action, the Queenstown Electrification Accelerator offers free, trusted, independent advice to help you move forward with confidence. **Get in touch at [gea.nz/contact](http://gea.nz/contact)**