Depot Charging Scheme

A fleet manager’s guide to getting funded before 29th January 2027

Window 2 is open now
£38 million available. First come, first served.

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You’ve been asked to electrify the fleet

The targets are set, the vans are on order and the board wants a date. But the depot wasn’t built for this, and every morning those vehicles need to leave fully charged.

That’s a lot to carry. If the charging isn’t ready, it’s your vans that sit still and your name on the delay.

The Depot Charging Scheme exists to take some of that weight off. This guide covers what you need to know to make it count.

KEY DEADLINE

29th January 2027

Window 2 closes on this date, or earlier if the funding runs out.

What the Depot Charging Scheme means for your fleet

The scheme part-funds charging infrastructure at fleet depots: the chargers and the civil works to install them. It’s run by the Department for Transport and the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV). It works alongside the Plug-in Van and Truck Grant. One helps you buy the vehicles. The other helps you charge them.

£170m

Multi-year programme, running to 2030

£38m

Available in window 2, for projects delivered April 2027 to March 2028

70%

Window 1 rate for charge point and civil costs, up to £1 million. Window 2 rate not yet confirmed

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Application per organisation, covering any number of depots

Why waiting costs you

01

The money runs out

Applications are first-come, first served. The window can close before 29th January if funding is used up.

02

The rate falls

The window 2 rate isn’t confirmed, and the government has said rates will drop over the life of the programme.

03

The grid moves slowly

If your depot needs a bigger connection, the upgrade can take longer than the scheme allows. Works must finish by 31st March 2028.

Miss the window and you fund more of it yourself, later, with vans already waiting.

Are you eligible?

You can apply if your organisation:

- [x] Runs, or plans to run, at least one battery-electric van, HGV or coach.
- [x] Has operated its fleet in the UK for at least a year.
- [x] Owns or leases one or more UK depots.
- [x] Has a senior leader willing to sign off the proposal.
- [x] Agrees to monitoring, including site visits.
- [x] Will not claim similar government funding for the same work.

GOOD TO KNOW

Public and private sector fleets both qualify. One application can cover every depot you run. If you share chargers with other operators, pricing must be on a cost-recovery basis for three years.

Three steps to a strong application

01 Know what your fleet needs

List the vehicles you're electrifying, their daily miles and how long they're parked at the depot. Vans parked overnight rarely need rapid chargers. HGVs on tight turnarounds might. Getting this right stops you paying for power you don't use.

02 Know what your depot can supply

Find out how much spare capacity your existing grid connection has before you design anything. It's the question that sinks most depot projects, and it's far cheaper to answer now than after you've applied.

03 Get the paperwork moving early

Secure landlord consent if you lease. Book senior sign-off. Use the scheme's own templates, as no others are accepted. And don't start work until the grant funding agreement is signed, or those costs won't count.

Key dates

28th October 2026

Window 2 opened

29th January 2027

Window 2 closes, or earlier if funding runs out

April 2027

Funded works can start

31st March 2028

Works must be finished

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Your vans leave the depot charged every morning. The infrastructure was part-funded. The project landed on time, without a grid upgrade holding it up. And when the board asks how electrification is going, you have a good answer.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the scheme still open?

Yes. Window 2 opened on 28th October 2026 and closes on 29th January 2027, or earlier if funding runs out.

How much does it pay?

The window 2 rate has not been confirmed. Window 1 paid 70% of charge point and civil costs, up to £1 million per organisation.

Can I apply for more than one depot?

Yes. Each organisation submits one application, which can cover any number of sites.

Do I need electric vehicles already?

No. Your fleet must include, or plan to include, at least one battery-electric van, HGV or coach.

Can public sector fleets apply?

Yes. The scheme is open to public and private sector fleet operators.

Can I combine it with the Plug-in Van and Truck Grant?

Yes. The two are designed to work together.

Talk it through with people who have done it before

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12
charge points per hub

1 day
to install

0
grid upgrades in most cases

30–40%
of charging energy from on-roof solar

And because it isn’t fixed, it can move if your depot does.

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