

Terms and conditions for CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme Payment



Terms and conditions of the Compressed Natural Gas (“CNG”) Vehicle Grant Scheme:

Funding will be awarded to selected vehicle operators on the following basis:

- A Grant Agreement for the CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme must be executed for each grant application
- The Applicant must have a business registered in Ireland
- Only new dedicated original equipment manufacturer (“OEM”) compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles are supported by the fund
- The vehicle must be retained in the ownership of the Applicant for no less than five years
- The Applicant must hold a valid Irish Tax Clearance Certificate
- The vehicle must be registered in the EU and remain registered in the EU for a minimum of five years
- EU visibility will be displayed on all vehicles that receive support
- The maximum amount of financial support available to an Applicant, including any subsidiary or holding company of an Applicant or a subsidiary of a holding company of an Applicant, under the CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme is sixty thousand euros (€60,000). The terms “subsidiary” and “holding company” have the meanings ascribed to them respectively under sections 7 and 8 of the Companies Act 2014.

Gas Networks Ireland (“GNI”) will award funding to successful applicants with the following considerations:

- GNI will seek to support all the vehicle segments identified
- All applicants must comply with the criteria of the fund
- The deadline for the submission of a CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme application is 31st January 2022. However the submission of an application form by 31st January 2022 does not guarantee the award of a vehicle grant
- GNI reserves the right to award funding
- GNI may award funding less than or equal to the amounts identified above by vehicle type
- The CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme payment will be issued to the CNG vehicle owner once all required documents have been submitted.

Segment
N3 – HGV Road Freight (>12t unladen) – Artic
N2 / N3 – HGV Road Freight (>3.5t unladen) – Rigid
N2 – LGV Road Freight (>3.5t unladen) – Large Van
N1 – LGV Road Freight (<3.5t unladen) – Small Van
N2 – Waste Collection Vehicle (>3.5t unladen)
M2 – Small Public Passenger Vehicle (over 8 seats in addition to driver, <5t unladen)
M3 – Large Public Passenger Vehicle (Over 8 seats in addition to driver, >5t unladen)

Requirements for CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme Payment

Application process

Applicants can apply for the CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme by requesting the CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme application form from greenconnect@gasnetworks.ie quoting reference "19/190 - CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme".

The Vehicle Fund process consists of a number of steps:

1. Application form submitted

Applicant submits a valid Vehicle Fund application form to GNI through greenconnect@gasnetworks.ie

2. Application qualification / selection process

GNI will review the application in order to determine the applicant's eligibility for a Letter of Award.

A valid application does not secure the grant fund.

Following the Letter of Award, a Grant Agreement (contract) is issued to the applicant.

3. Grant agreement (contract)

Applicant signs and returns the Grant Agreement to GNI.

N.B. Funding will only be secured once the Grant Agreement has been executed by both the applicant and GNI.

4. Applicant completes vehicle purchase

Applicant purchases the new OEM dedicated CNG vehicle identified within the Grant Agreement and submits the required documentation as detailed in the Grant Agreement.

5. Grant award payment

Once all the required documentation is received and verified, GNI will issue payment of the Grant Award to the applicant. By submitting an application form the applicant confirms that the vehicle for which funding is sought will travel the minimum annual km distance as indicated in the table below according to the relevant vehicle type.

Grant payment process

Once the grant agreement has been executed by both parties, the grantee has 270 days in which to purchase a vehicle and submit the required documentation to Gas Networks Ireland.

In order to process the grant payment certain requirements must be satisfied in line with the conditions of the Grant Agreement.

Requirements for Grant Payment under the CNG Vehicle Grant Scheme

1. Vehicle Registration Certificate
2. Vehicle purchase invoice
3. Insurances (certificate or proof of insurance) (Clause 15 of the Vehicle Grant Agreement)
 - a. Motor insurance
 - b. Public Liability €6.5m
 - c. Employers Liability Insurance €13m
 - d. Insurance key insurable assets
4. Tax Clearance Certificate
5. Letter requesting grant payment (on company headed paper)
6. Company bank details on headed paper (for EFT payment)

Once all the required documentation is received and verified, payment is issued by electronic funds transfer (EFT).