

# 2019 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebates



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## Summary

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for school bus fleets that serve public schools. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is accepting applications nationwide for rebates to assist in replacing old, dirty diesel school buses with new school buses meeting the cleanest emission standards. EPA anticipates awarding over \$10 million in this funding opportunity.

## Important Dates

September 30, 2019	Program opens. EPA begins accepting application submissions.
October 7, 2019 3-4 p.m. Eastern Time	Application webinar (See <a href="https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/school-bus-rebates-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera">https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/school-bus-rebates-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera</a> for details)
October 30, 2019, 4pm Eastern Time	<b>Deadline</b> for emailing applications with scans of bus titles and registrations to <a href="mailto:CleanDieselRebate@epa.gov">CleanDieselRebate@epa.gov</a>
January 2020 (Estimated)	EPA posts selectees and waiting list online and emails official selection letters to selectees
April 2020 (Estimated)	Deadline for submitting purchase orders for replacement buses
September 2020 (Estimated)	Deadline for submitting documentation of delivery of replacement buses and scrappage of old buses. EPA will send rebate payment within one month of receipt of complete materials.

## Eligible Entities

- Regional, state, or tribal agencies including school districts and municipalities; or
- Private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an entity listed above
- Applications are limited to 10 buses. Fleets with more than 100 buses can submit two applications.

## Selection Process

- Lottery, with at least one selectee from each state/territory represented in the applicant pool

## Eligible Old School Buses to be Replaced

- Used to transport 10+ pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students to or from school
- Driven 10,000 or more miles over the last 12 months or in use 3+ days/week during this school year
- Owned by applicant without any active liens
- Class 3-8 diesel-powered buses [i.e., greater than 10,000 lb. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)]
- Powered by 2006 or earlier model year diesel engine (not to be confused with vehicle model year)
- Engine and chassis must be scrapped before receiving rebate payment

## Eligible Replacement Buses

- Powered by a 2017 or newer model year engine. Eligible replacement buses may operate on diesel, gasoline, battery, or alternative fuels like CNG and propane.
- Operate in a similar manner and over similar routes as the bus being replaced
- Be purchased, not leased or leased-to-own
- Rebate reimbursement is **\$15,000** for replacement buses between 10,001-19,500 lbs. GVWR and **\$20,000** for replacement buses with GVWR of 19,501 lbs. or higher

## Resources

For the application form and program guide which includes detailed information on eligibility and application instructions, please visit the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/school-bus-rebates-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera>. For questions, email [CleanDiesel@epa.gov](mailto:CleanDiesel@epa.gov).