NTA WAV Grant Scheme 2025 - Frequently Asked Questions

This document sets out short answers to frequently asked questions about WAV Grant Scheme. While all efforts have been made to ensure the complete accuracy of these answers, full details are available in the relevant Terms and Conditions and Information Guides for the grant schemes available <u>here</u>, and applicants should have regard to the detail of those documents before taking any related actions.

Q: Why is the grant closed?

A: Once again, NTA has seen incredible demand for the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Grant Scheme, with Round 1 of WAV25 closing early on opening day. This demand for support to upgrade and licence small public service vehicles such as taxis and hackneys, continues to show a strong interest in SPSV sector from prospective and existing licence holders. NTA is pleased to confirm that the level grant funding for WAV25 is planned to exceed all previous years, with a high of over €6m issued in 2024.

As set out in our December update, NTA revised the Grant Scheme for WAV25 in response to industry feedback and to enhance the grant process for all. This included increasing the time applicants have to complete the grant process and providing two opportunities for applying: January and July. January applicants will be contacted soon to find out if they were successful and can proceed to the next stages of the process.

Prospective applicants looking to apply in July should familiarise themselves with the <u>updated Terms</u> <u>and Conditions and Information Guide</u> in preparation. Updates ahead of the second round will be made available on the <u>Latest News</u> page.

Q: How did you decide who was successful?

A: As stated in the T&C's of the WAV grant 2025 scheme all applications are being accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Further details of this selection criteria are outlined in Terms and Conditions and Information Guide available on the NTA website.

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Q: What happens now with successful applicants?

A: NTA will review all applications and issue hundreds of Provisional Grant offers (PGO's) in the coming weeks. Successful applicants will have to adhere to the process and agreed time frame in the Terms and Conditions to complete the licensing of their vehicle and obtain their funding.

Q: I'm planning to buy a vehicle that received a grant before, can I do that?

A: If the vehicle has completed its 3-year service period that is ok. If the vehicle was grant-funded less than 3 years ago, you will not be able to receive funding.

Q: When should I purchase the car that I want to propose for grant?

You must hold a Provisional Grant Offer from NTA and be in a position to complete the grant application process in full before committing to purchasing your new vehicle. Note also the requirements for the approval of a wheelchair accessible vehicle below.

Q: How can I get my Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) approved?

To get your WAV approved you must send in a Technical Assessors Full Report, along with at least one of the below:

- Certificate of Conformity
- Declaration of Conversion
- Image of Stage 2 Chassis Plate

Q. Why has the period before a PGO expires been extended to 5 months?

A. This change takes into account industry feedback and is aimed at increasing the number of applicants who will successfully licence a wheelchair accessible vehicle with their grant offer. Note that extensions of the grant offer period will not be possible in 2025.

Q: Can you tell me what funding is being provided through the WAV25 grant scheme?

A: The level of grant funding for WAV25 is planned to exceed all previous years, with a previous high of over €6m issued in 2024.

Q: How is the funding that I receive calculated?

A: The funding is based on the age of the vehicle at the time of licensing.

Age is calculated from date of first registration to the date of your initial suitability inspection. The funding amounts can be found in the Information Guide.

Q: Can I combine WAV and eSPSV grants for my application?

A: If you plan on licensing an electric Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle, you can combine both grants for maximum funding. NTA have been notified by the Department of Transport that there will be an eSPSV grant scheme for 2025, but that scheme is not yet open to applications.

You cannot apply for a grant after a vehicle has been licensed, so if you wish to licence an electric WAV, ensure you have successfully applied for and received a Provisional Grant Offer for both schemes before proceeding to purchase and licence a vehicle.

Information about the opening of the eSPSV 2025 scheme will be made available on the NTA website.

Q: I don't have an SPSV Driver's licence, can I apply for grant?

A: Yes, you do not need an SPSV driver license to apply for a grant.

Q: I previously received a grant. Do I need to repay my old grant if I want to upgrade my car with a new grant?

A: If you have completed your 3-year service period on your existing vehicle, you can apply for a new grant for your new vehicle.

If you have not completed your service period, you can repay what is outstanding on your current grant, and receive a full new grant on new vehicle, starting a new 3-year service period.

Q: How long is a Disability Awareness Training Certificate valid for?

A DAT Certificate is valid for 3 years from the date the training was done.

Q: If I withdraw my WAV2025 application, will it affect a future application?

A: In the interest of fairness, applicants awarded provisional grant offers in Round 1 of WAV25 who fail to complete the process, cannot reapply in Round 2.

Q: How long does it take until I get my grant payment?

A: Once your vehicle has been licensed and all completed documents received, you will receive payment within 20 working days.