

Information Notice

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES - THE FUEL TAX AND ROAD USE CHARGE ACT

Effective October 1, 2021, a new \$150 annual fee is introduced for owners of electric passenger vehicles registered in Saskatchewan.

The Fuel Tax Accountability Act ensures that the Fuel Tax applicable to on-road travel in Saskatchewan is directed at preserving and improving the provincial highway system. Currently, the Fuel Tax does not apply to electric vehicles, which leaves traditional vehicles shouldering a greater share of highway maintenance.

To address this inequity, *The Fuel Tax Act, 2000* is renamed *The Fuel Tax and Road Use Charge Act* and will include a \$150 annual fee for passenger electric vehicles effective October 1st. The new road-use fee will ensure that owners of electric vehicles pay a comparable amount annually. The revenue from this fee, as with road-use fuel tax revenue, will be dedicated to provincial highway maintenance.

An electric vehicle is defined as a battery electric vehicle that:

- is powered solely by an electric motor drawing current from a rechargeable energy storage system, but that recharge energy can be drawn from a source that is not on-board the vehicle; and,
- does not have an on-board combustion engine-generator system as a means of providing electrical energy.

This new fee will be administered by Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and collected in full each year at a vehicle's registration renewal date. In the event of a shortened registration period, SGI will prorate this fee or provide refunds as required.

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