NTA WAV Grant Scheme 2025 - Frequently Asked Questions

Round 2

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 here, and applicants should have regard to the detail of those documents before taking any related actions.

Q: When is the WAV grant reopening?

A: The WAV grant will open for applications again on July 14 and remain open until July 21st.

If you are looking to apply, you should familiarise yourself with the <u>updated Terms and Conditions</u> <u>and Information Guide</u> in preparation. Updates ahead of opening will be made available on the <u>Latest News</u> page.

Q: What additional changes have been made for WAV25 Round 2 in July?

A: For Round 1 of WAV25 in January, NTA made the following enhancements:

- a. Applicants were provided with a choice of two applications rounds: January and July
- b. The number of applications a single applicant could make was reduced from 10 to 5
- c. The time for applicants to complete the grant process was increased from 3 months to 5 months

For Round 2, NTA has made the following <u>additional</u> enhancements in response to applicant feedback:

- a. The number of applications a single applicant can make is further reduced from 5 to 1
- b. Grant offers are issued on a 50/50, first come first served/lottery basis.

Q: How do you decide who is successful?

A: For Round 2 of WAV25, NTA will issue half of the available Provisional Grant Offers to applicants on a first come first served basis, and half via a lottery selection. This update is in response to applicant feedback following all funding for WAV25 Round 1 being allocated within minutes of opening.

Applicants to Round 2 can apply over the course of a week and still have a chance at receiving a Provisional Grant Offer.

Q: When will I find out if I am successful or unsuccessful with my application?

A: All Round 2 applicants will be contacted in early August with the outcome of their application. Applicants do not need to contact NTA in the interim.

Q: What happens now with successful applicants?

A: NTA will review all applications and issue Provisional Grant offers in early August. 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. Will there be a Round 3?

A. No. All remaining funding available for WAV25 will be allocated in Round 2.

Q: How come the Scheme will be open for a week this time?

A: For Round 1, applications were assessed on a first come, first served basis. Due to the popularity of the Scheme, this resulted in all funding being allocated shortly after the application portal opening.

For Round 2, half of the available grant offers will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The other half will be issued via a lottery for all remaining applicants. This enables additional applications to be received and in with a change of receiving an offer.

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

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: NTA announced in August 2025 that it will provide additional once-off funding of €1.5m, bringing the total for WAV25 to €8.5m.

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.

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.

Should you hold Provisional Grant Offers for both WAV25 and eSPSV25 to enable you to purchase an eWAV, the applicable PGO end date for your eWAV is the latter of your WAV25 or eSPSV25 PGOs. If you chose to only proceed with one grant offer, the relevant end date only applies.

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: I applied in Round 1 of WAV25, can I apply again?

A: If you applied to Round 1, but were not successful in receiving a PGO, you can apply again to Round 2. In the interest of fairness, applicants awarded provisional grant offers in Round 1 of WAV25, cannot reapply in Round 2. That includes those who were successful and received grant aid in Round 1.

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.