

Financial Assistance to Auto/Cab Drivers Scheme – FAQs.

Eligibility Criteria as per GO MS No : 33 of Transport Dept, Dated 13.09.2025.

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1	Ownership	Applicant must own an Auto Rickshaw, Motor Cab, or Maxi Cab and it shall be active as on 31.08.2025
2	Driving License	Applicant or One of the family member shall have a valid license valid as on 31.08.2025 issued in Andhra Pradesh for Auto Rikshaw/Light Motor Vehicle
3	Vehicle Registration	Vehicle must be registered in Andhra Pradesh. Registration Certificate, fitness, and tax (for Motor Cab & MaxiCab) Auto Rickshaws are exempted from fitness certificate for this year only, but must obtain it within one month.
4	Vehicle Type	Only passenger vehicles (Auto Rickshaw/Motor Cab/Maxi Cab) are eligible. Goods vehicles are not eligible
5	Proof Of Identity	Aadhaar is mandatory
6	BPL Category	Applicant must possess a Rice Card
7	Household Eligibility	Only one vehicle per household is eligible
8	Application Form	Through GSWS Beneficiary Management Portal
9	Other Scheme's Validation	Applicant should not be a beneficiary of any other occupational group scheme.
10	Government Employment	Applicant/family members should not be government employees or pensioners (except family members of sanitary workers).
11	Income Tax	Applicant/family members should not be income tax assesses.
12	Electricity Consumption	Household's monthly electricity usage should be less than 300 units (average over past 12 months)
13	Land Ownership	Not more than 3 acres wet, 10 acres dry, or 10 acres combined
14	Urban Property	In municipal areas, household should not own more than 1000 sq. ft. of built-up residential/commercial property
15	Leased Vehicles	Vehicles leased/rented to organizations (including government) are not eligible.
16	Pending Dues	Vehicle should not have any pending dues or challans

FAQs

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1	The Employee mobile application(ekyc) reflects the previous owner's name under Vahana Mitra. Since the vehicle has been transferred to a new owner, should EKYC be completed using the former owner's details?	No, eKYC should not be completed with the Previous/old owner's details. If the transfer of ownership was completed on or after 31st August 2025, then the "Vehicle SOLD" option shall be selected in the eKYC application. The current vehicle owner has to raise a fresh application in their name with valid ownership details.
2	In cases where the previous Vahana Mitra beneficiary has passed away, is it possible to transfer the benefit to the nominee?	No. "Death" option is provided in the eKYC application to handle such cases. When the registered owner/previous beneficiary is deceased, the benefit cannot be directly transferred to the nominee unless the ownership of the vehicle has also been legally transferred to the nominee/applicant.
3	If the old vehicle has been sold and replaced with a new one, what is the procedure to update or map the new vehicle details?	New Application form has to be submitted in the Secretariat with valid documents as per the eligibility criteria.
4	Through which login should the new application be submitted—Digital Assistant (DA) or Ward Education & Welfare Assistant (WEA)?	Only through the Digital Assistant (DA) login in Rural areas and the Ward Education & Data Processing Secretary login in Urban areas.
5	Based on the 2023 records, is a fresh application required for such cases? Should new documents be collected again?	As per the Transport Department's data shared up to 31st August 2025, if the vehicle ownership remains unchanged, the applicant does not need to file a new application. However, if the vehicle ownership has changed, the applicant must submit a fresh application under the scheme. In such cases, the new owner must provide the updated ownership documents.
6	What is the process for verifying old vehicle details? If the vehicle documents have expired, can they still be used for application, or are updated documents mandatory?	Welfare Assistants must physically verify the vehicle and its documents at the field level. If the documents such as RC, Fitness Certificate, or Insurance have expired, the applicant must renew and submit updated documents. Expired documents cannot be accepted for application processing. Welfare Assistants should recommend or not recommend the application strictly based on the authenticity and validity of the mandatory documents submitted by applicant.

7	Are caste and income certificates compulsory for availing benefits under this scheme?	No. Caste and income certificates are not required for availing benefits under this scheme.
8	If the Registration Certificate is in the wife's name and the Driving License is held by the husband, and both are listed under the same Rice Card but appear separately in Household Mapping (under different Sachivalayams), should the scheme be processed based on the Rice Card or Household Mapping?	During the new application process, an Aadhaar Number entry option has been provided in the Driving License section, where the applicant can declare their blood relation with the vehicle owner (such as mother, father, siblings, son, daughter). This ensures that even if the RC holder and DL holder are mapped into different households due to marriage or other reasons, the application can still be processed, as long as they are immediate blood relatives and appear under the same Rice Card. Household mapping differences will not affect eligibility in such cases.
9	Under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Auto and Maxi Cab Owners, names of electric vehicle owners are not appearing. Are EV owners eligible for this scheme?	Only 3-wheeler passenger battery-operated vehicles are eligible under this scheme. Other categories such as e-rickshaws, e-karts, and non-passenger electric vehicles are not eligible. The scheme specifically covers passenger auto-rickshaws, including battery-run passenger autos/Maxi cab.
10	For beneficiaries listed in the previous year whose Fitness and RC documents have expired, and are now prompted for e-KYC—should KYC be completed or kept on hold?	The citizen must be informed to first renew and submit valid Fitness and RC documents. Only after valid documents are available, eKYC should be completed. Until then, eKYC should not be processed and such cases must be kept pending until compliance with updated documents.
11	Several auto rickshaws are currently non-operational and in condemned condition, lacking valid Fitness Certificates and Insurance. These individuals received benefits last time and are now requesting renewal. What is the appropriate action in such cases?	Welfare Assistants must conduct thorough field-level verification of such vehicles. If the vehicle is not having valid fitness certificate, the Welfare Assistant should use the “Not Recommended” option in the eKYC system. Only operational and valid vehicles should be considered eligible under the scheme.
12	Names linked to Rice Trucks(MDU vehicle) from the previous government are appearing in the application. Could you please clarify whether these Rice Truck owners are eligible under the current scheme?	Mobile Disbursement Vehicles such as Rice Trucks are not eligible under the Financial Assistance to Auto & Maxi Cab Owners scheme.
13	One of the vehicle owners listed in the existing data holds a Driving License issued from another state—Odisha. Kindly clarify whether such individuals can be considered eligible under the scheme.	Driving Licenses can be issued by any State in India. However, for eligibility under this scheme, the address mentioned in the Driving License must be in Andhra Pradesh. If the DL address is not an Andhra Pradesh address, the applicant will not be eligible. Hence, DL from another state is acceptable only if it shows a valid AP address.

14	<p>The Driving License is in the father's name, while the auto is registered under the daughter's name. Now, the daughter is married and has been mapped into her husband's family. As a result, the daughter and father are listed under different households. The EKYC prompt has come in the daughter's name. In this situation, can EKYC be done now, or should it be completed only after submitting a new application?</p>	<p>ekyc should be completed in the daughter's name since she is the registered owner of the vehicle. Even though she is mapped into a different household due to marriage, the scheme allows such applications if the RC holder and DL holder are immediate blood relatives (father, mother, siblings, daughter, son). Therefore, the application is eligible and should not be delayed for a new application solely due to change in household mapping.</p>
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