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MPA Introduces Early Adoption Grant to Accelerate Electric Harbour Craft Adoption

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will introduce the Early Adopter Scheme for Electric Harbour Craft (EASE) from 1 January 2027, to accelerate the adoption of electric harbour craft (e-HC). The grant aims to catalyse early market demand and support the development of a competitive e-HC ecosystem.

Transition to Net-Zero by 2050

2. Singapore's harbour craft sector comprises more than 1,600 predominantly diesel-powered vessels providing essential marine services, from passenger transport and towage to bunkering and maintenance operations.

3. In line with Singapore's national climate targets, the harbour craft sector is expected to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. As harbour craft typically remain in service for more than 20 years, fleet renewal decisions over the coming years will be critical to achieving the sector's net-zero transition. From 2030, all new harbour craft operating in Singapore must be fully electric, capable of using B100 biofuel, or compatible with net-zero fuels.

Early Adopter Scheme for Electric Harbour Craft Grant

4. Valid for two years, EASE aims to spur early demand, giving manufacturers and technology providers greater confidence to invest in production and expand capacity. As production volumes increase and technologies mature, the cost of e-HC is expected to decrease over time, improving their commercial viability and supporting an overall smoother and more cost-effective transition for the industry.

5. Under the grant, owners purchasing eligible e-HC will receive support for part of the vessel's battery system cost. The grant quantum will be based on battery capacity and capped according to vessel size, up to a maximum of \$250,000 per vessel. Details of the grant are set out in Annex A.

6. To support the deployment and operation of e-HC, MPA will progressively expand the charging infrastructure in tandem with industry adoption. Building on the first pilot charger at Marina South Pier in 2024, a second charger will be rolled out in the coming months, as well as four additional chargers at Loyang Offshore Supply Base.

7. More public chargers will be installed across Singapore's southern coastline, including Jurong Port and West Coast Pier in 2027. In parallel, studies will be conducted at key terminals to plan for the necessary power capacity upgrades, to enable charger deployment to scale as demand grows.

Studying Additional Solutions and Measures to Decarbonise Sector

8. MPA is studying flexible charging solutions, including battery-based and mobile charging concepts, to enhance operational resilience of e-HC as the market matures.

9. In tandem, MPA will consider other regulatory measures needed to drive the harbour craft sector's transition away from fossil fuels.

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Annex A

Under the early adoption grant, fully electric vessels that first obtained their harbour craft licence between 14 October 2026 and 31 December 2028, will be eligible for the grant. The grant is applicable to all vessel types operated within Singapore that meet relevant licensing requirements, and will be disbursed to the e-HC owner in three tranches¹ over two years, from the date of grant award.

The grant is a tiered cash incentive that is scaled based on the battery capacity of the e-HC (\$250 for every kWh of installed battery capacity for propulsion), and capped based on e-HC size (up to \$150,000 for small craft and \$250,000 for larger craft). For example, a passenger launch with a battery capacity of 500 kWh will receive a grant of \$125,000 while a supply vessel of 1.2 megawatt-hour (MWh) will receive a grant of \$250,000.

Vessel Type	Small Craft Passenger craft ≤12 pax capacity OR Cargo craft ≤20 tonnes cargo carrying capacity	Large Craft All other categories of harbour craft license
Grant Quantum	\$250/kWh of installed battery capacity for propulsion	
Cap	\$150,000	\$250,000

¹ The grant will be released upon grant acceptance (30%), first anniversary of grant award (30%), and second anniversary of grant award (40%).

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