



**CALIFORNIA'S
LOW COST
AUTO INSURANCE**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. WHAT IS CALIFORNIA'S LOW COST AUTO INSURANCE?



- California's Low Cost Auto (CLCA) Insurance Program helps low income drivers in California afford the basic insurance needed to drive legally and responsibly
- CLCA is unique because it is sponsored by the state of California and authorized by the California Department of Insurance
- California's Low Cost Auto (CLCA) Insurance Program makes insurance affordable regardless of immigration status

2. WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?



To be eligible for California's Low Cost Auto Insurance Program, or CLCA, consumers must:

- Have a valid California driver's license or AB60 license
- Own a vehicle valued at \$25,000 or less
- Meet income eligibility guidelines:

Visit <https://www.mylowcostauto.com/get-started/qualifications> for maximum income by size of household

- Have a good driving record

3. DO I HAVE TO PROVE MY INCOME TO APPLY?



Yes. The program will accept any one of the following documents as proof of household income:

OR, you may complete a Certification of Income Eligibility by visiting <https://bit.ly/LCACertificationForm>

PROGRAM DOCUMENT REQUIRED

CalFresh (food stamps)	EBT card
CalWorks	Notification letter
California LifeLine	Bill showing discount from phone company
LIHEAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance	Bill showing discount from utility company
Medi-Cal / Medicaid	Program card
California Employment Development Department (EDD)	Debit card or benefit letter
SSI / Social Security Income (age, blind, disabled)	Recent bank statement as proof of deposit
Social Security or Pension	Letter from administration
Income Level	Copy of federal or state income tax return for last year W-2 or 1099 form
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) ACCEPTED	Payroll stub or employer verification letter

4. WHAT COVERAGE DOES CALIFORNIA LOW COST AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY PROVIDE?



The program provides affordable, liability-only auto insurance that meets the state's financial responsibility laws.

Basic Liability Policy limits are:

- \$10,000 bodily injury or death per person
- \$20,000 bodily injury or death per accident
- \$3,000 property damage liability per accident

For an additional charge of \$19-\$68 per year, consumers can add:

- \$1,000 medical payments per person
- \$10,000 uninsured motorist bodily injury per person
- \$20,000 uninsured motorist bodily injury per accident

The program does not offer comprehensive or collision coverage (coverage that will repair the driver's own vehicle after an accident) but this coverage can be purchased from an insurance agent.



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5. WHAT ARE THE COSTS FOR A CLCA POLICY?



ANNUAL premiums in California vary by county, ranging from \$244 to \$966. There are discounts if the consumer has been a licensed driver for 3 years with a good driving record.

A good driving record is defined as:

- No more than one at-fault property damage-only accident or no more than one point for a moving violation within the past three years;
- No at-fault accidents involving bodily injury or death on a driving record within the previous three years
- No felony or misdemeanor convictions for a violation of the Vehicle Code on a motor vehicle driving record.

To check the rates by county or calculate a payment* schedule, please visit mylowcostauto.com

***CLCA offers two payment options:**

- Payment in full OR
- 20% down with 7 installment payments (For each installment payment there will be a \$4.00 transaction fee.)

6. HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?



To apply for California's Low Cost Auto Insurance Program, follow these 2 steps:

1. Complete the eligibility questionnaire,
2. Then complete the application process

Now 100% online **OR** Meet with a local agent, at no cost

To apply online, visit mylowcostauto.com and click 'Get Started' to take a short eligibility questionnaire. If deemed eligible, enter your ZIP code, then click on 'Apply Online'.

If you do not have internet access or need additional assistance, please call

1-866-602-8861

7. WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR NOT HAVING AUTO INSURANCE?



If you are cited for not having auto insurance at the time of a moving violation or accident, there are penalties that include fines and possible vehicle registration suspension. For more information regarding penalties for not having auto insurance, please visit the California DMV website at <http://chilp.it/9a5b9c2> (this url will take you directly to view VC Section 16029)

8. HOW MANY VEHICLES CAN BE ON THE CLCA POLICY?



Every qualified consumer is allowed up to two Low Cost policies under the program guidelines. In fact, all vehicles* registered to you as the applicant, with a max of 2, must be enrolled in CLCA.

*Motorcycles and commercial vehicles are excluded.

9. DO ALL VEHICLES NEED TO BE ADDED TO CLCA?



The program requires that all vehicles registered to the applicant be insured in the program. Therefore, to be eligible for one vehicle in the program, consumers may not have liability coverage through any other policy for other vehicles.

10. CAN I GET A CLCA POLICY IF I HAVE A VEHICLE LOAN?



Yes, but you should check with your lender to determine if the coverage limits provided by the program will meet the requirements of your loan.