



Motability Foundation, Motability Operations and the Motability Scheme

Motability Foundation

We fund, support, research and innovate so that all disabled people can make the journeys they choose. We oversee the Motability Scheme and provide grants to help people use it, providing access to transport to hundreds of thousands of people a year. We award grants to charities and organisations who provide different types of transport, or work towards making transport accessible. We also carry out ongoing research, in partnership with disabled people and key stakeholders in the industry, to inspire innovations that continue to champion accessible transport for all.

How we do this

- We help people to access the Motability Scheme. We provide grants to cover the costs of leasing the right car or wheelchair accessible vehicle. We support people to find the right adaptations so that they can use their car more easily, and provide grants to cover the costs. All of our Motability Scheme grant applications are means-tested to make sure that we give funding to those most in need of support.
- We work with other organisations to improve accessible travel, today and in the future.
- We help fund charities and organisations who give disabled people everyday transport options, from community buses to wheelchairs.
- We provide research grants to better understand the ways transport accessibility needs to change – funding long-term projects like the National Centre for Accessible Transport.
- We also use our own research, and work with disability experts, partners and policy makers, to keep exploring and developing new ways to make all transport accessible. Such as making sure all electric vehicle charging points meet the needs of disabled people.
- We never stop working alongside disabled people to make sure that their knowledge and experience shapes all of our work.

Motability Foundation currently employs around 250 people. Its offices are based in Harlow, Essex.

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About Motability Operations

The Motability Scheme is delivered by a separate company, Motability Operations Ltd. The delivery is overseen by the Motability Foundation to ensure that it is the best it can be for disabled people. Motability Operations is a purpose-driven, customer-focused company contracted exclusively to the Motability Foundation. Every year, Motability Operations aim to make a modest return on their asset base so that they can reliably borrow money, buy vehicles and make sure they remain affordable to our beneficiaries. Motability Operations do not pay dividends to shareholders. Any surplus income is used to improve the Scheme and secure its long-term future, or it is donated to the Motability Foundation.

Motability Operations has offices in London, Bristol and Edinburgh.

About the Motability Scheme

The Motability Scheme is the main way in which we provide access to transport for disabled people. The Scheme offers an affordable way for disabled people to lease a new vehicle, Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV), scooter or powered wheelchair. Anyone who receives qualifying higher rate mobility allowances from the Government can join the Scheme, using their allowance to pay for the lease of the vehicle.

We continue to make sure that the Motability Scheme is the best it can be. We oversee Motability Operations to deliver the Scheme and make sure that the Scheme gives disabled people the best choice, value for money and customer service possible – and to make sure it is sustainable for generations to come.

The Motability Scheme is used by 680,000 customers. Scheme vehicle leases cost on average 45 per cent less than similar deals from other major leasing companies.