

Host Essentials & FAQ

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The proposition

StayCharge installs, owns and operates a contactless EV charge point at your venue at zero cost to you — 7.4 kW as standard, or 22 kW where your supply already allows. Guests and visitors tap a bank card or phone to charge — no app, no account. You are reimbursed for every kilowatt-hour used, at your actual electricity rate, paid monthly to your bank account.

Frequently asked questions

Q. What does it cost us?

A. Nothing. Hardware, installation, certification, software and maintenance are covered by StayCharge. The unit remains our property.

Q. Is it legal for us to have a paid charger on our supply?

A. Yes. Under EU Directive 2019/944 and the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR), EV charging is legally classed as a recharging service — not a resale of electricity. You do not become an electricity supplier, you need no energy licence, and your supply contract with Electric Ireland, Energia or any other retailer is unaffected. Hotels, B&Bs and clubs across Ireland already operate paid charging under this exact framework.

Q. Will this change our ESB classification or tariff group?

A. No. Your DUoS tariff group (e.g. domestic DG1/DG2 or non-domestic DG5) is set by your connection type and Maximum Import Capacity (MIC), not by how much electricity you use. A 7.4 kW charger behind your existing meter does not change it. Your group would only be reviewed if you applied to ESB Networks to increase your MIC or alter the connection — which our setup is designed to avoid. Most B&Bs, hotels and caravan parks are already on a non-domestic group in any case, and the free survey confirms your position before anything is installed.

Q. How is our electricity repaid?

A. The charger has a certified (MID) meter. Each month the exact kWh used is reimbursed at your actual tariff rate — including the VAT you paid on that electricity — straight to your bank account.

Q. Is there any VAT or tax paperwork for us?

A. The reimbursement is intended as a repayment of a metered utility cost, not a sale of electricity, so you would issue no invoices. Final treatment is confirmed in the host agreement.

Q. What if our tariff changes?

A. Just give us 14 days' notice of any supplier or tariff change and the reimbursement rate adjusts to match.

Q. Will it overload our supply?

A. The charger is set up with load management so it reduces charging speed when your building is busy, protecting your main fuse. A full electrical assessment is done before any installation.

Q. Who is responsible if something goes wrong?

A. StayCharge will hold public and product liability insurance for the equipment and its operation before any unit is installed, and all electrical work is carried out and certified by a Safe Electric registered contractor. We give you the certificate and specification so you can let your own building insurer know, as you would for any property improvement.

Q. What if it doesn't get used?

A. There is a free, no-obligation site survey first — no hardware trial. If usage stays very low over a rolling 90-day period, we may relocate the unit with 30 days' notice at no cost or penalty to you, leaving the supply point safely capped and certified.

Q. How long is the agreement?

A. Proposed at 24–36 months with an agreed exit clause on both sides. No hidden charges, no termination penalties beyond the agreed notice terms.

7.4 kW or 22 kW — what suits your venue

A 7.4 kW unit runs on your existing single-phase supply and draws up to 32 amps, so most smaller premises can connect with no grid upgrade. It delivers up to 7.4 kWh per hour: a 50 kWh car battery is fully recharged from empty in about 7 hours, a 60 kWh battery in about 8. Where a property already has a three-phase supply, a 22 kW unit is offered instead. The free survey confirms which suits your site.

VAT & tax note (for clarity)

Drivers pay one flat price per kWh by card; StayCharge accounts for any VAT due on that service. The host's monthly reimbursement is a cost repayment at the metered rate (including the VAT element of your bill). Any change in our own VAT position never affects host terms.

Next step: a free, no-obligation site survey

We check your supply, parking bay and signal strength, and confirm suitability — no commitment required. StayCharge is a new service, now opening to venues across Ireland — B&Bs, hotels, caravan parks and GAA clubs.