

Electric car 'juice points' go live in the capital

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The country's first electric car charging stations or "juice points" went live in Dublin's city centre in March 2010, when four on-street charging posts were put up. These are the first of 1,500 due to be put up across the country under the Government's plan to electrify motor transport in Ireland. This plan was led by the Minister for the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

The ESB plans to build 3,500 "juice points" by the end of 2011 - 2,000 for home use and a further 1,500 on-street stations.

At present, there is just a very small number of privately-owned, non-commercial electric cars on Irish roads but the Government's target is to have 2,000 by the end of 2011 and 6,000 by the end of 2012.

To use the "juice points", motorists have to register at www.esb.ie/ecars to acquire their own electric fob which will allow them to access the



on-street plug-in point at the charging station.

It takes about two hours to recharge most electric cars up to 80% of capacity, and between six and eight hours for a full recharge which will allow the cars to go for up to 160kms.

By the end of 2011, the ESB plans to have 30 fast chargers installed at 60 km intervals, along major urban routes. These will be able to recharge electric cars in 20 minutes.

Electric cars are a lot cheaper to operate. The recharging will be free for the initial phase of the roll out.

Adapted from the original article which appeared in The Irish Times, March 2010

under EIGHTEEN

AGE LIMITS

For a regular job, the general minimum age is 16. Employers can take on 14 and 15 year olds on light work:



- part-time during the school term (over 15 years only)
- as part of an approved work experience or educational programme
- during the school holidays, provided there is a minimum three week break from work in the summer.

Any child under 16 may be employed in film, theatre, sports or advertising under licence.

MAXIMUM HOURS OF WORK PER WEEK

Under 18s may not be employed for more than 40 hours a week or 8 hours a day, except in a genuine emergency. The maximum weekly working hours for 14 and 15 year olds are:

Age	14	15
Term-time	Nil	8 hours
Holiday work	35 hours	35 hours
Work experience	40 hours	40 hours



EARLY MORNING AND NIGHT WORK

The hours permitted are:

Age	Under 16s	16 and 17s
Early morning	After 8 a.m.	After 6 a.m.
Night work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With school next morning • No school next morning E.g. holidays, weekends 	Up to 8 p.m. Up to 8 p.m.	Up to 10 p.m. Up to 11 p.m. (and not before 7 am next morning)



Please note: night work beyond 10 p.m. requires Ministerial approval by regulation. Specific regulations have been made for licensed premises. Please contact telephone numbers below.

REST BREAKS

Age	Under 16s	16 and 17s
30 minutes break after working	4 hours	4½ hours
Every 24 hours	14 hours off	12 hours off
Every 7 days	2 days off	2 days off



If you want further information contact:

National Employment Rights Authority, (NERA)
O'Brien Road, Carlow.
1890 80 80 90
www.employmentrights.ie



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- **Many burglaries occur when persons leave their home for a short period of time!**

What can you do?

- **Fit quality security locks to all doors and windows and use them.**
- **Install a certified intruder alarm and use it.**
- **Invest in a securely fitted safe for your valuables.**
- **Store and lock any external household items properly.**
- **Be a good neighbour - report suspicious behaviour.**

Play your part in Preventing Crime.

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