

FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Fact Sheet

On February 25th, the FCC unanimously adopted a Report and Order that established the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, a \$3.2 billion federal initiative to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program was created by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

The Report and Order along with the rules governing this program can be found here, but below are a few important facts:

What Is the Benefit?

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.
- The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per eligible household.

Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Qualifies for the Lifeline program, including those who are on Medicaid or receive SNAP benefits:
 - ✓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Food Stamps
 - ✓ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - ✓ Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
 - ✓ Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)(Sec 8)
 - ✓ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - ✓ Income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.
 - ✓ Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019 -2020 school year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year;

When Can Eligible Households Sign Up?

• The FCC expects the Emergency Broadband Benefit program to be open to eligible households before the end of April, 2021.

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How Will Eligible Households Sign Up?

- Eligible households will enroll through ALLO or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- ALLO will focus on the rules and navigate the program for your benefit.
- ALLO will monitor the FCC's website, <u>www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit</u>, regularly for the latest information on the enrollment process.

ALLO Benefits

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