

Emergency Broadband Benefit

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EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT



Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

Congress has [tasked the FCC](https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/133/text) (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/133/text>) with developing a new \$3.2 billion program to help U.S. households that are struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. With this new benefit, eligible households can get or stay connected in order to work remotely or find jobs, access critical healthcare services, and keep students connected to the classroom.

"We need to use all available tools to get 100% of us connected in this country and this program is an essential part of making that happen." Acting

Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel

About the Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for those on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10-\$50 toward the purchase price.



Program eligibility details and participating providers will be announced in the coming weeks.



Become an Outreach Partner

The FCC is mobilizing people and organizations to help share important consumer information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit. To participate, please fill out and submit the form below:

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Spotlight: Events

February 12, 2021 - Acting Chairwoman's Roundtable

FCC Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel convened [a virtual roundtable discussion](#) ([/news-events/events/2021/02/roundtable-emergency-broadband-benefit-program](#)) to gather public input on how to structure the new Emergency Broadband Benefit program.

Roundtable on Emergency Broadband Benefit Program



The roundtable gave interested parties an opportunity to share ideas on the important public policy and program administration decisions that will shape the Commission's approach to establishing the program.

- [Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel's Remarks](#) ([/document/rosenworcel-remarks-emergency-broadband-benefit-roundtable](#))



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Outreach Participation&body=Hello, my organization is interested in participating in Emergency Broadband Benefit outreach efforts with the FCC.
Please contact me at: [please include your name, organization or institution, email and phone contact]

February 17, 2021 - February FCC Open Meeting

The Commission heard a presentation on the Emergency Broadband Benefit program during the February [Open Meeting](#) ([/news-events/events/2021/02/february-2021-open-commission-meeting](#)).

Open Commission Meeting - February 2021



- [FCC Open Meeting News Release](#) ([/document/fcc-reviews-emergency-broadband-telehealth-broadband-data-progress](#))

Comments Files With the FCC on the Emergency Broadband Benefit

On January 4, 2021, the Commission issued a [Public Notice requesting comments](#) ([/document/fcc-seeks-comment-new-emergency-broadband-benefit-program](#)) on the Emergency Broadband Benefit. The period for reply comments closed on February 16, 2021. Comments filed electronically via ECFS (fcc.gov/ecfs ([/ecfs](#))) in this proceeding are available in [WC Docket No. 20-445](#) ([/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=20-445&sort=date_disseminated%2CDESC](#)).



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