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# Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program

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Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic



# What Is EBB

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- 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

# What Is The Benefit

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- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services
- Up to \$75/month discount for broadband services for households on Tribal lands
- 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

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- A household is eligible if one member of the household:
  - Qualifies for the Lifeline program; or,
  - Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program; or,
  - 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; or,
  - Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year; or,
  - Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program

# Participating Broadband Providers

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- List of participating broadband providers listed on USAC site:

<https://www.usac.org/about/emergency-broadband-benefit-program-service-providers/>

- All major providers are included:

AT&T Mobility

T-Mobile

Charter Communication

Comcast

Verizon

# When To Sign Up

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- The start date has not yet been established by FCC
- Check this URL for information update:

<https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>