

Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Connect

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who is Eligible?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the <u>Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>, or if a member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Participates in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income internet program.

Check out www.fcc.gov/ACP for a Consumer FAQ and other program resources.

Two-Steps to Enroll

- 1. Go to ACPBenefit.org to submit an application or print out a mail-in application; and
- 2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

Call 877-384-2575

or find more information about the Affordable Connectivity Program at fcc.gov/ACP



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- Participates in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
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LEARN MORE



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Visit fcc.gov/acp







About the ACP

The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a monthly internet service discount and a one-time connected device benefit from participating internet companies for qualifying lowincome consumers.

Rules

If you qualify, your household can receive a monthly Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) benefit of up to \$30 to cover the cost of your internet service and up to \$75 for qualifying households on Tribal lands. Through the program, your internet company may also offer a one-time internet connected device benefit of up to \$100 for a computer, tablet, or laptop with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50.

Your household cannot get the ACP benefit from more than one company. You are only allowed to get one ACP benefit per household, **not per person**.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is separate from the FCC's Lifeline Program. If your household qualifies for both programs, you can apply for and receive both benefits.

Note: Internet companies must also meet certain criteria to participate in the ACP. Check with your company to determine if it participates.

What is a household?

A household is a group of people who live together and share income and expenses (even if they are not related to each other). Complete the ACP household worksheet to determine if more than one qualifying household is located at your address. If more than one person in your household participates in the ACP, you are breaking the FCC's rules and will lose your benefit.

Do not give your benefit to another person

The ACP benefit is non-transferable. You cannot give your benefit to another person, even if they qualify for the ACP.

Be honest on this form

You must give accurate and true information on this form and on all ACP related forms or questionnaires. If you give false or fraudulent information, you will lose your benefit (i.e., de-enrollment or being barred from the program) and the United States government can take legal action against you. This may include (but is not limited to) fines or imprisonment.

You may need to show other documents

If the ACP Administrator is not able to validate that you or someone in your household qualify by checking available electronic resources (including eligibility databases for the FCC's government agency partners), you may need to provide additional documents. For example, you may need to provide an official document that proves your participation in a qualifying government assistance program, your income, or your identity. Please include copies of your proof documentation when you submit your application to speed up processing time.

Apply

To apply for the ACP, fill out the required sections of this form, initial every agreement statement, and sign on page 7. You can also apply online at AffordableConnectivity.gov for fastest processing.

Mail the form to this address: USAC
ACP Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742





Your Information

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* Tribal lands include any federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation, Pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma; Alaska Native regions established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688); Indian allotments; Hawaiian Home Landsareas held in trust for Native Hawaiians by the state of Hawaii, pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 July 9, 1921, 42 Stat. 108, et. seq., as amended; and any land designated as such by the FCC pursuant to the designation process in the FCC's Lifeline rules. A map of qualifying Tribal lands is available) on USAC's website: https:// www.affordableconnectivity.gov/wpcontent/uploads/acp/documents/ fcc_tribal_lands_map.pdf

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Qualify for the ACP

Fill out this section to show that you, your dependent, or someone in your household qualifies for the ACP.

You can qualify through certain government assistance programs or through your income (you do not need to qualify through both).

When you mail this form, please include documents that show you participate in one of the programs you selected or that you qualify through your income. A list of acceptable documents is available at AffordableConnectivity.gov.

Qualify through a government program:

4.	Check all programs that you or someone in your household have:	
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also called Food Stamps)	
	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	
	Medicaid	
	Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)	
	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8 Vouchers)	
	Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/202/811	
	Public Housing	
	Affordable Housing Programs for American Indians, Alaska Natives or Native Hawaiians	
	Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Programs	
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	Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch or Breakfast Program, or enrollment in a Community Eligibility Provision School. If you choose this program, please enter your school name, school district and state.	
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	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance	
	Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)	
	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)	
	Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the income qualifying standard)	

Or





Qualify for the ACP (continued)

Qualify through your income:

15. Including you, how many people live in your household? (check one)	16. Is your income the same or less than the amount listed for your state and household size? [only check yes or no next to your household size)								
	All 48 States, DC, and Territories	Alaska	Hawaii						
1	\$29,160	\$36,420	\$33,540	Yes	No				
2	\$39,440	\$49,280	\$45,360	Yes	No				
3	\$49,720	\$62,140	\$57,180	Yes	No				
4	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$69,000	Yes	No				
5	\$70,280	\$87,860	\$80,820	Yes	No				
6	\$80,560	\$100,720	\$92,640	Yes	No				
7	\$90,840	\$113,580	\$104,460	Yes	No				
8	\$101,120	\$126,440	\$116,280	Yes	No				
If more than 8, add this amount for each extra person:	Add \$10,280	Add \$12,860	Add \$11,820	Yes	No				



17. I (or my dependent or other person in my household) currently get benefits from the



Agreement

I agree, under penalty of perjury, to the following statements:

You must initial next to each statement. If you fail to initial each statement, your application will be considered incomplete.

By providing a phone number, you consent to letting USAC contact you at that phone number via artificial or prerecorded voice message or text for important reminders and updates about your ACP benefit. For text messages, message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to end messages.

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Representative Information

Representatives who help consumers apply (such as internet company agents, state and Tribal partners, etc.) are required to register in the Representative Accountability Database (RAD) and must enter their Representative ID here.

29.). What is your Representative ID?										
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How Does the ACP Protect Consumers?

The rules protect Affordable Connectivity Program recipients by:

- Empowering consumers to choose the service plan that best meets their needs (including a plan they may already be on);
- Ensuring consumers have access to supported internet services regardless of their credit status;
- Prohibiting companies from excluding consumers with past due balances or prior debt from enrolling in the program;
- Preventing consumers from being forced into more expensive or lower quality plans in order to receive the ACP;
- · Reducing the potential for bill shock or other financial harms;
- · Allowing ACP recipients to switch companies or internet service offerings; and
- Providing a dedicated FCC process for ACP complaints at https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov.

Privacy Act Statement

This Privacy Act Statement explains how we are going to use the personal information you are entering into this form.

The Privacy Act is a law that requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to explain why we are asking individuals for personal information and what we are going to do with this information after we collect it.

Authority: 47 U.S.C. §254; 47 U.S.C. §1752; 47 CFR Part 54, Subparts E and R.

Purpose: We are collecting this personal information so we can verify your identity and that you qualify for the Lifeline program or similar programs that use income or consumer participation in certain government benefit programs as eligibility criteria, such as the Affordable Connectivity Program. We access, maintain and use your personal information in the manner described in the Lifeline System of Records Notice (SORN), FCC/WCB-1, and the Affordable Connectivity Program SORN, formerly known as the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program SORN, FCC/WCB-3, both available at https://www.fcc.gov/managing-director/privacy-transparency/ privacy-act-information#systems/.

Routine Uses: We may share the personal information you enter into this form with other parties for specific purposes, such as:

- With contractors that help us operate the Lifeline program and similar programs that use income or consumer participation in certain government benefit programs as eligibility criteria, such as the Affordable Connectivity Program;
- With other federal and state government agencies and Tribal agencies that help us determine your Lifeline eligibility and eligibility for similar programs that use income or consumer participation in certain government benefit programs as eligibility criteria, such as the Affordable Connectivity Program;
- With the telecommunications companies and broadband providers that provide you Lifeline service and service under a similar program that uses income or consumer participation in certain federal benefit programs as eligibility criteria, such as the Affordable Connectivity Program;
- With other federal agencies or to other administrative or adjudicative bodies before which the FCC is authorized to appear;
- With appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when the FCC suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of information; and
- With law enforcement and other officials investigating potential violations of Lifeline and other program rules.

A complete listing of the ways we may use your information is published in the Lifeline SORN and the Affordable Connectivity Program SORN (formerly known as the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program SORN) described in the "Purpose" paragraph of this statement.

Disclosure: You are not required to provide the information we are requesting, but if you do not, you will not be eligible to receive Lifeline services under the Lifeline Program rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E, or benefits under the Affordable Connectivity Program rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart R.