

EPC 1.1.3 RELEASE NOTES

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The E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) is the account and application management portal for the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program. Applicants, consultants, and service providers participating in the E-rate Program will use this tool to manage program processes and to submit questions.

ENTITY CHANGES

- Library applicants can now designate and view the main branch of their library system in their profile. Because discounts for library systems are calculated based on the National School Lunch Program data for the school district in which the main branch of the library system is located, all library systems will have to designate a single main branch in their profiles.
- Profile changes initiated by an authorized account user now take effect immediately. This improvement is a follow-up to the enhancement announced in October which allowed all FCC Form 470 and FCC Form 471 partial- and full-rights users to make modifications to their entity profiles, including correcting the address and contact information, updating student counts, designating a consultant, and joining a consortium.
- Libraries that were incorrectly classified as schools, and schools that were incorrectly classified as a school districts, can now correct their organization types by contacting USAC's Client Service Bureau.

FCC FORM 498: DIRECT PAYMENTS TO APPLICANTS

- The applicant view of the FCC Form 498 is now available in EPC. Applicants who want to start receiving BEAR payments directly (i.e., payments that do not go through the service provider first) starting July 1, 2016 must complete this form to provide their contact and banking information to USAC.
 - A column labeled "498 Permission" has been added to the table of user rights in applicant organization accounts in EPC. Applicant account administrators must assign a single School or Library Official (full-rights user) and a single General Financial Contact (partial-rights user) for the FCC Form 498 from users in the organization.
 - For now, service providers will continue to file and certify FCC Form 498 through the E-file System.
 - Further information about how to complete the FCC Form 498 will be available soon on USAC's website.

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