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Testing the National Verifier API in the Staging Environment

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On September 9, 2021, USAC released the National Verifier Application Programming Interface (API) for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) in the National Verifier staging environment. Additional guidance on how service providers can test the API endpoints in the staging environment is provided below.

Data for API Testing

Service providers must use mock data when testing the National Verifier API – do not use real consumer data. Providers can trigger specific responses based on the structure of the test data. To learn how to generate a specific response in the staging environment, refer to Appendix E of the EBB Program API Specifications (see the Technical Documentation section below for information on how to access the document).

Scope of API Testing

Using the National Verifier staging environment, service providers can test the Check Eligibility and Check Status calls.

Service providers cannot test the redirect link returned in response to these calls or the user interface (UI) workflow, including the workflows to submit documentation or complete certifications. Service providers will not be able to receive a qualified application in the staging environment until they are able to complete certifications using the UI.

The UI workflow will be available at the time of the production release in late September.

Office Hours

USAC will host weekly office hours sessions where service providers can ask questions related to the National Verifier API.

- Thursday, September 16 at 3 p.m. ET – Register
- Thursday, September 23 at 3 p.m. ET – Register

Technical Documentation

Service providers who would like to request training materials and/or National Verifier API technical specifications can email EBBElection@usac.org with the subject line "NV API Specs." The API specifications are also available in the NLAD staging environment under the Tools & Resources section.

Interconnection Security Agreement

Reminder: Any service provider who intends to use an API connection to connect with EBB Program systems must have a signed Interconnection Security Agreement (ISA) with USAC. Service providers can find the ISA on USAC's website and return it via email to EBBElection@usac.org.

Need Help? Contact Us!

For questions about the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, service providers can visit USAC.org and consumers should visit GetEmergencyBroadband.org . For general program support, service providers should email EBBElection@usac.org and consumers should email EBBHelp@usac.org. Both providers and consumers may also call the Emergency Broadband Support Center at 833-511-0311 for assistance.