E-Rate Program Overview

Provides funding to help schools and libraries obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

To learn more about the E-Rate Program, scan the QR Code and follow the link.



Eligible Applicants

Public and private schools (K-12), libraries, and groups of schools and libraries (e.g., consortia, school districts, library systems), as well as Tribal schools, libraries, and Tribal college and university (TCU) libraries that also serve as a public library.

Eligible Services

Schools and libraries are eligible for discounts between 20% and 90% of the costs of eligible equipment and services. The applicant pays the remaining share (e.g., a 90% applicant pays \$100 on a \$1,000 request). *Discount varies based on the school or library's level of poverty, urban/rural status, and the type of service.



Services that support connectivity to schools and libraries. For example, data transmission and Internet access service, including special construction services for network builds.



CATEGORY Services that support connectivity within schools and libraries. This includes internal connections (e.g., routers, cabling, or other equipment needed for a Wi-Fi network); managed internal broadband services (MIBS), and basic maintenance of internal connections (BMIC).

Contact Us

Ready to start or need help? Reach out to the E-Rate Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 203-8100, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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Examples of Common/ Frequent Purchases

Top C1 Purchases:

- Leased lit fiber
- Internet access provided over fiber or copper
- Commercially available internet
- Cable provider internet
- Satellite internet

Top C2 Purchases:

- Internal Connections: Cabling. routers, switches, modems, wireless access points, right to use licenses
- BMIC: repair and upkeep of eligible IC
- MIBS: Managed Wi-Fi agreements

