

# E-Rate Service Provider Activities for Funding Year (FY) 2025

E-Rate is a year-long process, and it is important to meet each deadline. Use this timeline to help stay on track. Please note that these activities are for the 2025 funding year, which starts July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026.



## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

To prepare for the E-Rate application process, review your [services and equipment for eligibility](#), understand [applicant eligibility requirements](#), create an account in the [E-Rate Productivity Center](#) (EPC), and obtain a [498 ID/SPIN](#).



## 3 | INVOICING DEADLINE

OCTOBER 2026

Invoice USAC for the discounted portion of the bill no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service. The October invoice filing deadline is for the recurring services that were to be delivered by June 30, 2026.



## 1 | RESPOND TO BID REQUESTS

JULY 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025

Review applicants' posted FCC Forms 470 and respond to their requests for service. Applicants choose a service provider at least 28 days after filing FCC Form 470.



## 2 | PROVIDE SERVICES

JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

If you are selected as the applicant's most cost-effective solution, you can sign a contract or other legally binding agreement with them. In general, discounted services for a particular funding year can begin July 1 of that year. Complete the FCC Form 473 before invoicing begins.

**Need help?** Contact the E-Rate Customer Service Center at (888) 203-8100 or submit a case in EPC.

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