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Deadlines

Contributor Form Filing Deadlines

The FCC Forms 499-A/Q filing schedule for the calendar year 2018 is located [here](#).

All intrastate, interstate, and international providers of telecommunications (including VoIP providers) within the United States, with limited exceptions, are legally obligated to file the FCC Forms 499. Not sure if you must file? Check out our [Who Must File](#) page to find out.

Upcoming Deadlines:

FCC Form 499-Q is due February 1, 2018.
FCC Form 499-A is due April 2, 2018.

Contributor Payment Schedule:

The contributor payment schedule for those service providers who contribute to the universal service fund is located [here](#).

QUESTIONS? / FEEDBACK

CONTACT US

We are here to support you! Visit the [Contact Us](#) page and let us know how we can help you.

AT THE FCC

First Quarter 2018 Contribution Factor Increase to 19.5 Percent

The FCC released a Public Notice ([DA 17-1203](#)) announcing that the proposed universal service fund contribution factor for the first quarter (January-March) of 2018 will be 0.195 or 19.5 percent.

Training Registration: FCC Form 499-A

Register Today!

USAC invites all intrastate, interstate, and international providers of telecommunications services (including [de minimis](#) filers) to join us for a webinar about [FCC Form 499-A](#), the Annual Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet.

This year, we are offering five webinars, each tailored to a specific audience. Based on your primary line of telecommunications service, please select the webinar that best fits your needs. Each webinar will cover the same general information about filing the FCC Form 499-A, so there is no need to attend more than one.

The [2018 FCC Form 499-A training webinar schedule](#) is as follows:

E-File Basics & New Features

Thursday, February 1, 2018
2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

This webinar is intended for all providers interested in learning/reviewing the general features of USAC's online filing system, E-File. Topics include requesting access, logging on, password reset and error messages. We'll also cover some of the new features added to E-File intending to help the user better manage their Filer ID and contributions.

Wireline Local & Long Distance Companies

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

This webinar is intended for wireline local and long distance companies that provide wireline local calling and have revenue associated with local calling, including PICC charges (when they exist) and vertical features. We'll also cover wireline long distance calling, including international calls, and the yearly true up process.

VoIP Service Providers

Friday, February 9, 2018
2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

This webinar is intended for VoIP service providers interested in learning about VoIP revenue, both local and long distance, including how to use the FCC's safe harbor percentages and when to send in traffic studies.

Mobile Service Providers

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

This webinar is intended for mobile service providers, including those providing paging services and specialized mobile radio (SMR) interested in learning about filing for mobile services, which are cell phone calling, paging, and SMR. We will also go over non-USF assessable revenue, summation, and bad debt.

Providers of All Other Services

Thursday, February 15, 2018
2:00-3:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

This webinar is intended for providers of all other services interested in learning about state and federal USF, local and long distance private lines, payphones (including prison payphones), prepaid cards, calls that do not originate, terminate, or transit the United States, calls that use special billing arrangements, and satellite services.

Website Bookmark Suggestions

Bookmark Our Homepages

In 2018, the contributors and service providers' team will be communicating more frequently through our Latest News and Quick Links sections found on the home pages. Some of the items we post here include:

- invoice availability,
- contribution factor updates,
- system outages, and
- information that needs to be communicated quickly.

Make sure you bookmark these pages and look at them each time you log in for important information.

- [Contributors](#)
- [Service Providers](#)

Bookmark Our Common Audit Findings Page

On this [page](#), we outline some of the common audit findings that contributors get cited for, along with how to prevent them. We think filers will find this information useful for best practices when filing their annual FCC Form 499-A. We update these often, adding to the list when we can.

Using all of this information will help to expedite the audit process and should reduce or eliminate audit findings in the future.

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