



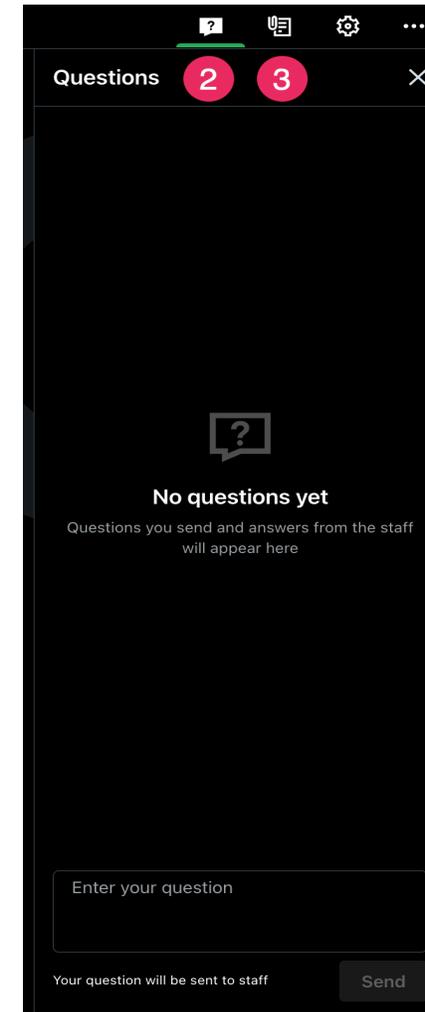
Contributor Office Hours

What's New on the 2026 FCC Form 499-A

February 5, 2026

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Meet Our Presenter

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Webinar Format
- 2026 Annual Form Updates
- Questions
- Additional Annual Form Training Webinars
- Contact Us

“Office Hours” Webinar Format

- Office Hours are held monthly.
- Brief presentation of a common topic at the beginning.
- Open the floor to questions from attendees:
 - Attendees type their question in the ‘Questions’ box in the GoToWebinar panel.
 - USAC staff will repeat the question so everyone can hear.
 - USAC staff will answer the question, keeping identify of the asker private.
 - If question contains specific company information, USAC staff will follow-up with an email, keeping the question private.

2026 FCC Form 499-A

Review of Form Clarifications

2026 FCC Form 499-A - Annual Form

- The 2026 FCC Form 499-A will be available in E-File March 2, 2026.
- All companies registered with a 499 Filer ID must file, regardless of the company's revenue level.
- This form reports the annual revenues for calendar year 2025.
- All active filers will be notified via the email address of each active user that the form is ready. Please make sure that your current email address is in E-File.
- Company Officers can check who from their company has an active E-File profile by logging into E-File and clicking the down arrow next to the User ID in the top right-hand corner of the screen and then "Add/Remove 499 Users".

Clarifications to the 2026 FCC Form 499-A Instructions ([DA 25-1064](#))

Page 28 is updated to clarify that support received from the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program should no longer be included on line 308.

Line 308 on FCC Form 499-A is used for reporting Universal Service and Similar Support Amounts Received from Federal or State Government Sources.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program was an [FCC program](#) designed to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clarifications to the 2026 FCC Form 499-A Instructions ([DA 25-1064](#))

Page 34 is updated to clarify that tower leases should be included on Line 418 as non-telecommunications service revenues.

Line 418 should include all non-telecommunications service revenues on the filer's books, including non-telecommunications service revenues received from contributing resellers, as well as some revenues that are derived from telecommunications-related functions, but that should not be included in the universal service or other fund contribution bases.

Clarifications to the 2026 FCC Form 499-A Instructions ([DA 25-1064](#))

Page 42 is updated to clarify that a traffic study should be conducted for the calendar year revenues reported in the Form 499-A.

2025

Wireless telecommunications providers, interconnected VoIP providers, and non-interconnected VoIP providers may rely on traffic studies if they are unable to determine their actual interstate and international revenues.

2026

Wireless telecommunications providers, interconnected VoIP providers, and non-interconnected VoIP providers may rely on traffic studies if they are unable to determine their actual interstate and international revenues. A traffic study should be conducted for the calendar year revenues reported in the Form 499-A.

Clarifications to the 2026 FCC Form 499-A Instructions ([DA 25-1064](#))

Page 52 is updated to note the *de minimis* estimation and circularity factors to determine whether a filer met the universal service *de minimis* standard for calendar year 2025.

Appendix A contains a worksheet that filers can use to determine their *de minimis* status for calendar year 2025. Factors tied to the estimation and circularity factors were updated. These were originally published with the instructions for the 2025 quarterly filings, Figure 1.

Questions?

Additional Training Webinars

Webinar Schedule *Registration Link on Date*

- [February 17](#) – Annual Form Training: E-File Basics and New Features
- [February 19](#) – Annual Form Training: VoIP Service Providers
- [March 5](#) – New 499 Filer ID Basics (March)
- [March 10](#) – March Office Hours: Annual Form Questions

Questions?

Contacting USAC

E-File Message Portal

The screenshot shows the E-File Message Portal interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "499 Forms", "Payments", and "Messages (0)". The "Messages (0)" tab is selected and underlined. Below the tabs, there is a sidebar with "Inbox" and "Archive" options. The main content area displays "Displaying 0 of 0 records" and a blue "+ Compose" button. Below the button, it says "No new messages." and "Show 10 records". Two blue arrows originate from the "Compose" button: one points to the "New Message" dialog box on the right, and the other points to the explanatory text at the bottom of the slide.

Send a message to the Service Provider team directly through the Message Portal in E-File.

The "New Message" dialog box is shown on the right. It has a close button (X) in the top right corner. The "Company" field contains "USAC Test Amy". The "Email" field is empty, and there is a checkbox for "Notify all contacts" which is unchecked. Below the email field, the text "example@company.com" is visible. The "Category" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of categories: "--Select A Category--", "499-A", "499-Q", "Billing", "Credit Balance Refunds", "Deactivation", "Payments", "Red Light", "True-Up", and "Other". At the bottom of the dialog, there are "Cancel" and "Send" buttons.

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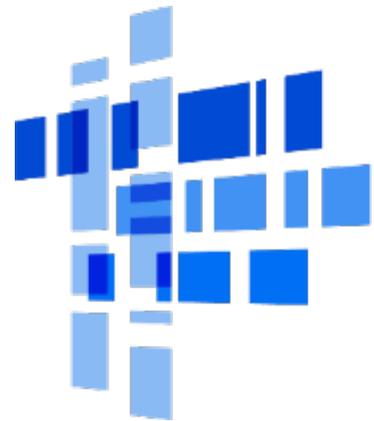
Email: CustomerSupport@usac.org

- Include in your email
 - 498 ID/Service Provider ID Number (SPIN)
 - 499 Filer ID

Contact the CSC for issues relating to login, error messages, and other technical problems.

Thank You!





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