



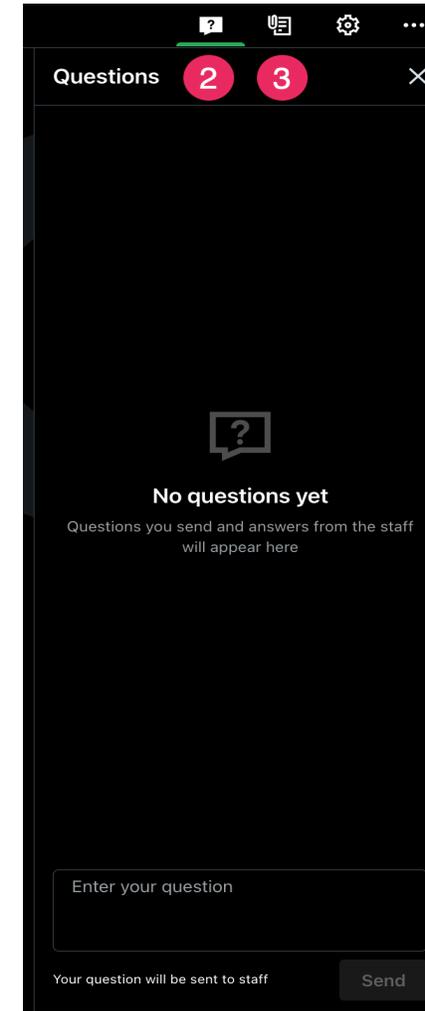
Contributor Office Hours

Annual Form Questions

March 10, 2026

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Meet Our Presenter

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Webinar Format
- Review of 2026 Annual Form (FCC Form 499-A) Updates
- Review of New E-File Feature & Billing Contact Reminder
- Review of Gross Billed Revenues
- SAM.gov UEI Requirement
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“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.
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 - USAC staff will answer the question, keeping identify of the asker private.
 - If the question contains specific company information, USAC staff will follow-up directly with you.

2026 FCC Form 499-A - Annual Form

- The 2026 FCC Form 499-A was made available in E-File March 2, 2026.
- The deadline to file is April 1, 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 were notified via the email address of each active user that the form is ready. 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".

2026 FCC Form 499-A

Review of Form Clarifications

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?

New E-File Feature & Billing Contact Reminder

FRN & EIN Check

REGISTRATION INFO

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- Customer Inquiries
- Preparer Contact
- Future Filing Contact
- Billing Contact
- Agent for Service of Process
- Company Officers
- Filer Jurisdiction
- Registration Summary

DOCUMENTS

- Form 499-A Instructions

Company Name: ... 2026 FCC Form 499-A
 Filer ID: ... (Reporting calendar 2025 revenues)

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

i In this section, please provide the following identification information. x

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The FCC Registration Number (FRN) and Employer Identification Number (EIN) combination must match FCC records.

Contact USAC if the EIN must be updated.

Billing Contact Selection

All filers will be directed to select an email address for the Billing Contact.

Preparer Contact

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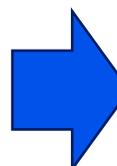
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Billing Contact

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BILLING CONTACT INFORMATION

📘 Bills for USF, TRS, NANPA, and LNP contributions will be sent to this email address.

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- Billing Contact: The first name is either missing or invalid. Please provide a first name that does not contain special characters (i.e., /, \, &), which USAC's E-File system does not accept.
- Billing Contact: The last name is -- Select existing user as Billing Contact
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- Billing Contact: The email address primary billing contact.

Primary Billing Contact

Company Name

TestCO74azcXnQc@yopmail.com

TestCO82mCw6xWmg@yopmail.com

Email Address

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Review of Gross Billed Revenues

Gross Billed Revenues - Definition

Per the 499-A Instructions, gross billed revenues that must be reported on the 499-A include:

- Revenues derived from the activation and provision of interstate, international, and intrastate telecommunications.
 - Account set-up.
 - Connection.
 - Service restoration.
 - Termination.
- Revenues from all sources, including non-regulated telecommunications offerings, information services, and other non-telecommunications services.

Gross billed revenues do NOT include:

- Deposits.
- Taxes.

Please see the 499-A Instructions for the complete definition. Note that **revenues are not profits.**

SAM.gov UEI Requirement

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- Beginning August 2026, USAC will use the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) banking information to remit payment for all Universal Service Fund (USF) invoices.
- All service providers and E-Rate participants who use the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) invoicing method to receive USF disbursements must have an active SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on their FCC Form 498 and must have a valid bank account associated with their UEI. Note: Until August 2026, all payments will continue business as usual.
- USAC can answer questions about locating and adding a UEI to your FCC Form 498 and more information is available on our website (<https://www.usac.org/about/sam-gov-uei-requirement/>).
- USAC cannot help with the SAM.gov registration process itself, confirm where you are in the SAM.gov registration process, when you will need to renew your UEI (an annual requirement), or whether your bank account is linked or what bank account is linked. You will need to check SAM.gov for these items. For direct assistance on updating your FCC Form 498 or USF-held payments, contact USAC's Customer Service Center, Contributors/Service Providers option at (888) 641-8722.
- Visit [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) for additional information on how to obtain a UEI or register your entity.

Questions?

Contacting USAC

E-File Message Portal

499 Forms Payments **Messages (0)**

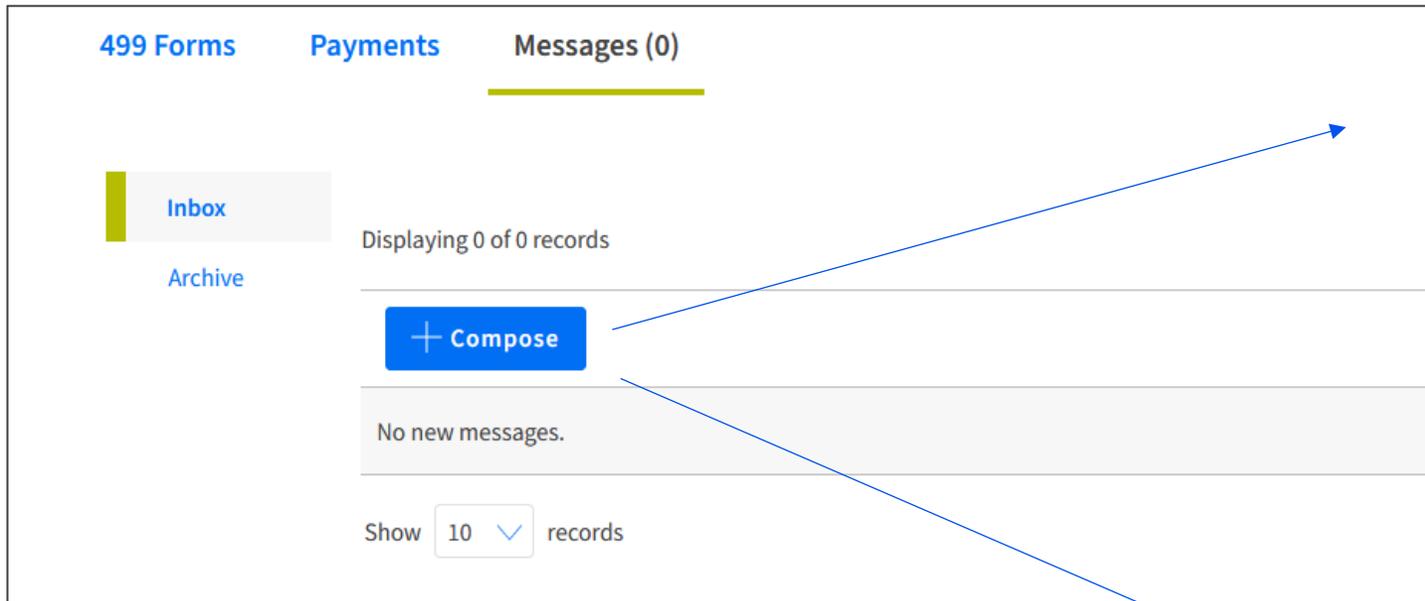
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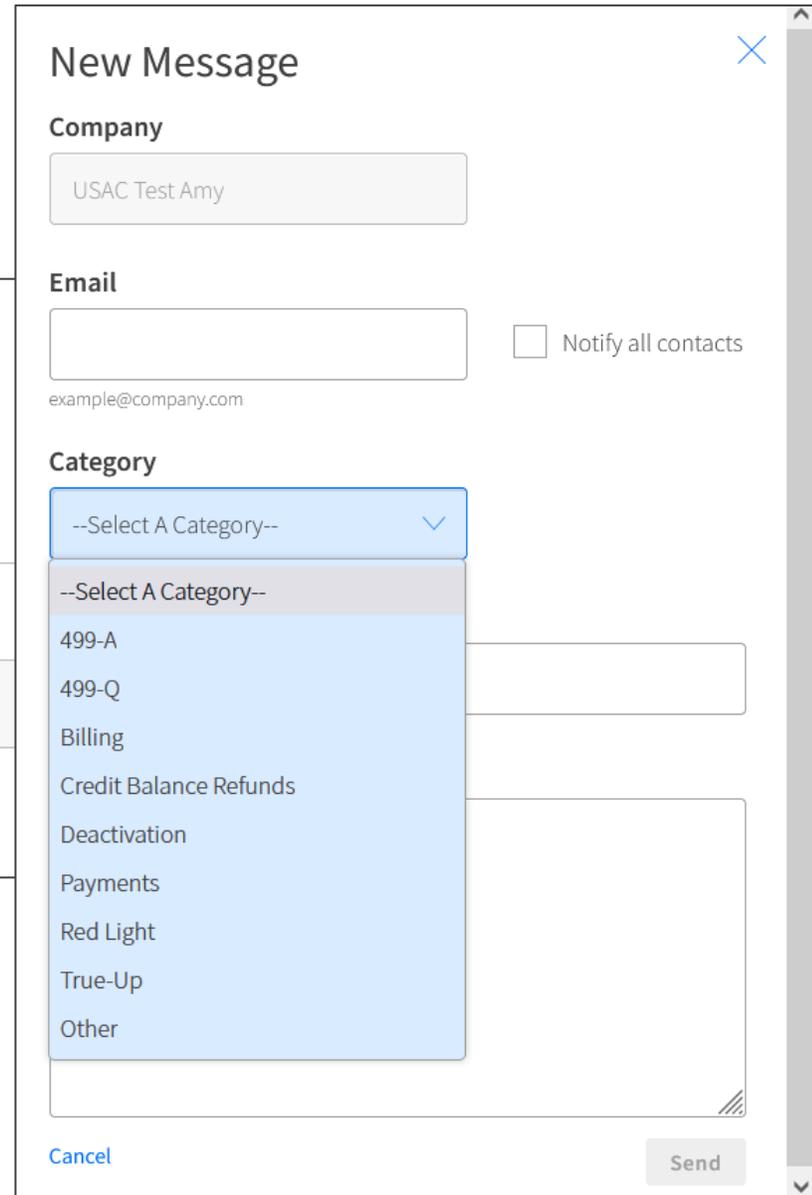
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Deactivation
Payments
Red Light
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Other

Cancel



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

Contributors/Service Providers Customer Service Center (CSC)



Call us at (888) 641-8722

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET

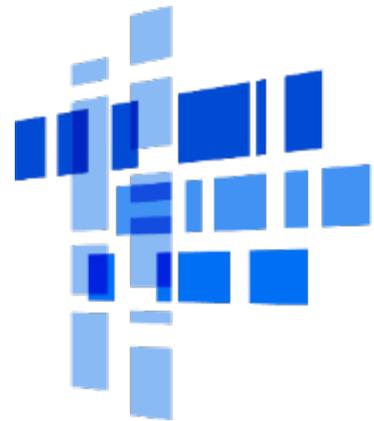


Email: CustomerSupport@usac.org

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

Thank You!





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