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| Emergency Broadband Benefit Logo for Partner Download, PNG File Format, color with transparent background - click to display full size  **Program Contact:**  Emergency Broadband Benefit Support Center  GetEmergencyBroadband.org  (833) 511-0311  **FACT SHEET: The Emergency Broadband Benefit**  ***How Does This Temporary Consumer Broadband & Computer Discount Work?***  ***--***  Starting on May 12, 2021, the FCC’s Emergency Broadband Benefit will make available to consumers substantial discounts on broadband service and computers. This pandemic-related program will continue until the $3.2 billion in federal funding runs out or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the pandemic.  **The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program**   * **Funding -** Congress dedicated $3.2 billion to the Emergency Broadband Benefit. * **Discounts –** eligible households can receive discounts off monthly broadband service: * Up to $50 per month for eligible households * Up to $75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. * One-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase price.   Please Note: This will be applied directly to the consumers’ monthly bill. There is a limit of one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.   * **Eligibility** – if one person in the household: * Demonstrates low income, at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty level; * Participates in assistance programs including SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline; * Relies on free and reduced-price school meals; * Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; * Suffered a large loss in income during pandemic due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below $99,000 for single filers and $198,000 for joint filers; * Meets other eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program. * **Providers Near You** – Over [825 broadband providers](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers) are taking part in the program. The benefit is available to eligible new, prior, and existing customers of participating providers. * **Sign Up –** There are 3 ways to sign up:   1) contact a participating provider to sign up;  2) enroll online at www.getemergencybroadband.org; or  3) sign up via mail.  To learn more or get a mail-in application, call (833) 511-0311.   * **Temporary** – But remember, this is a temporary program. When it ends, participating providers must give notice to customers and inform them of the cost for their plan after the discount ends. Importantly, consumers will need to *opt-in* to continue with the service.   ###  **Media Relations: (202) 418-0500 / ASL: (844) 432-2275 / Twitter: @FCC / www.fcc.gov**  *This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |