

**Local Full Fibre Networks Programme  
Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme  
Supplier Bulletin #13  
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**Introduction**

This Bulletin announces the availability of additional funds as part of Project PRPs in Wales. It also provides other updates and information about the Scheme.

**Wales - amended maximum voucher values**

As a result of an agreement made with the Welsh Government, with effect from 22 March 2019, amended maximum voucher values will apply for Project PRPs in Wales.

The maximum voucher value for business beneficiaries will be increased to £5,500 and for residents will be increased to £800, whilst funding remains available.

The maximum voucher values in respect of new Project PRPs in Wales in the Supplier Registration Terms and Conditions and the Pre-Registered Packages Terms and Conditions are deemed to be amended with effect from 22 March 2019 in order to give effect to the increased amounts above.

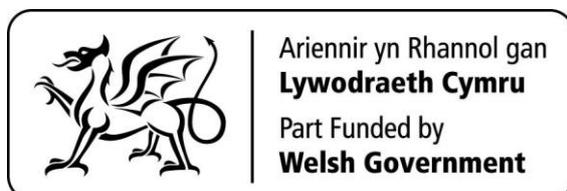
The existing Supplier Registration Terms and Conditions and the Pre-Registered Packages Terms and Conditions (including any sub-caps for specific eligible expenditure and the £500k maximum value of eligible expenditure within a single Project PRP) will otherwise apply in respect of Project PRPs in Wales.

The Beneficiary Terms and Conditions have been updated to reflect this change (version 4.2 has effect from today). Versions are available in Welsh and English from:

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/media/>

This change has been made possible as a result the Welsh Government's agreement to "top up" the value of vouchers in Wales. Please note this applies to new Project PRPs in Wales ONLY. Existing Standard PRPs and Project PRPs in Wales are unaffected by this change.

If you have any questions about the Scheme, please contact us using the self-service function on the website when you are signed in.



### **Wales Top Up - Operational Note**

As a result of the introduction of this top up, the voucher request form and bulk voucher request form have been updated. There are two new fields on the request forms:

- **Beneficiary Type** - requires you to specify whether the Beneficiary is a business or residential and,
- **Scheme** - this will be pre-populated with “GBVS” and should not be amended

### **Project PRPs - Voucher Value Change Requests**

Sometimes within a Project PRP the total number of anticipated beneficiaries may change (increase or decrease) as a result of factors beyond the supplier’s control. In these circumstances, BDUK should be notified (using the Change Request process) **only** when the **scope** of the registered Project PRP changes (for example, when the deployment is delivering to additional postcodes) and/or when the total value of eligible costs declared within the Project PRP changes.

The voucher claim value should reflect the revised number of beneficiaries and the final value of total eligible costs (up to the relevant maximum value). You should make any **Change Request** for change before making your claim.

### **State Aid Checks**

We carry out checks of all Projects and voucher requests against known state aid funded gigabit capable interventions in order to prevent double funding. Sometimes these checks require further investigation with the relevant local body. We now place any affected vouchers in **Dispute** status while we carry out these checks.

We have introduced a new Dispute Code: **D200** to indicate when we are carrying out these checks.

**D200** – State aid check required. Data shows a possible match for existing state aid intervention. Further investigation is required by BDUK to resolve. Voucher will be issued if all checks prove negative or cancelled if evidence of existing or planned aid is identified.

Because we are reliant on a response from a third party to resolve these cases, we cannot commit to a timescale for resolution, but will always aim to complete these checks as quickly as possible.

### **Data Issues**

As the result of a system update the status of a small number of vouchers changed to “Disputed” in error on 19th and 20th March. Apologies for any confusion caused. This error has now been corrected.