



**Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
Supplier Bulletin #50
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Introduction

As we enter the final few days to request vouchers under the RGC funded element of the Scheme, below are some key pieces of information you need to know.

Important Times and Dates

You are able to request vouchers for RGC projects up to **5pm on the 31st March**. Any vouchers requested after 5pm will not be issued. Vouchers will continue to be issued after the 31st deadline due to the time it will take for us to carry out the relevant checks and await beneficiary validation. Providing vouchers have been requested for eligible premises and are confirmed by the beneficiary, they **will** be issued and be valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

The GBVS site will not be available between **5pm on the 31st March 2021 to 9am on the 8th April 2021** to allow us to make the changes needed for the UKGV.

The final time you are able to claim vouchers for the payment run on the 1st April will be **31st March at 5pm**. There will still be a payment run on the 7th April as there may be vouchers validated by beneficiaries which were claimed by Suppliers before the site was closed. As a result of the site being down, we will relax the 10 day timeline set by the reporting requirements in Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 until the 7th April.

Supplier re-registration will now open on **Tuesday 30th March not the 29th March 2021 as previously advertised**. Please register at <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/supplier-re-registration/> tomorrow. You will still be able (re)-register to use the Scheme between the 31st March and 8th April, even though the main functionality of the site will not be available between these dates.

Existing suppliers will be able to complete a short form which features some additional questions and prospective new suppliers will be able to complete a full length form. If existing suppliers wish to change any details, they should first check the Supplier Self Service area of the site or, if the information isn't able to be changed, raise a change request on the site from the 8th April. Suppliers must agree to the new terms and conditions as a condition of registration.



The UKGV will launch on the **8th April 2021**, this will mean that projects can be submitted and vouchers requested for eligible transferred projects once registration has been confirmed and the PRP re-published on the portal.

Payment Run - from 7th April

Please note, with effect from 7th April 2021 we will be changing the day of our weekly payment run. From that date payments will move from Thursdays to Wednesdays. The next payment run will take place on Thursday 1st April and thereafter it will be on Wednesdays.

For a broader overview of BDUK's work, please also see this webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-digital-uk>

The Digital Connectivity Portal here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/digital-connectivity-portal>

Other useful information and updates can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/resources-for-communications-network-providers>

If you have any questions about the Scheme please contact us using the Support function when signed into the website.