

**Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
Supplier Bulletin #68
6th December 2021**

REMINDER - Reinstatement of 12 month auto cancellation of vouchers

As confirmed in Bulletin 65, from Monday 13th December 2021 we will be reinstating the auto cancellation of vouchers at the 12-month point.

This means that from the 13th December any vouchers which were issued 12 months ago or more and have not been claimed will be cancelled automatically.

You can see the date on which a voucher was issued by using the “Download My Vouchers” function when signed in on the website. This date is contained in column AB of the downloaded file. We heavily encourage suppliers to download their data and check the impact of any voucher cancellations. You may submit extension requests for vouchers where there is a genuine reason for a connection delay which is outside of your control. These requests will be assessed by us where we will determine if the extension request is valid or not.

Any vouchers which are cancelled from the 13th and are no longer eligible for funding under the UKGV will not be re-issued.

Vouchers must be claimed within 12 months of the date of issue as per our Terms and Conditions, Part B, Section 11.2. If a voucher is not claimed within the 12-month timeframe, BDUK reserves the right to cancel the voucher.

Voucher Pauses and Voucher Priority Area

As set out in Bulletin 61, in order to enable intervention areas to be finalised ahead of a procurement there will be a temporary pause to voucher eligibility for all UPRNs identified in an intervention area before the procurement process.

The next round of closures will see vouchers paused in the following intervention areas on 14 January 2022:

Phase 1b (inc. Cornwall (Lot 32)):

- Shropshire (Lot 25)
- Norfolk (Lot 7)
- Suffolk (Lot 2)
- Hampshire (Lot 27)
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (Lot 32)

Vouchers will become available again once the procurement starts for areas identified as voucher priority areas (VPA). Where BDUK identifies a voucher priority area(s) for a regional supplier contract this will,



going forward, be included in the information that is provided to suppliers interested in bidding for the contract at the Pre-Procurement Market Engagement (PPME) stage and will be confirmed when the procurement is launched. A full list of the voucher priority area UPRNs will also be made available on the vouchers portal when the procurement is launched.

Please read bulletin 61 for further details. If you need this re-issued please raise a support ticket on the portal.

As a reminder, the Supplier Terms and Conditions can be found at the following link - <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/for-suppliers/tcs/>

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.