



**Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
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IMPORTANT UPDATE

Closure of the Wales Top-Up

Last week we advised that the Welsh Government had instructed us to close the local top-up scheme in Wales on 31 March 2022.

The closure date for voucher requests in Wales has now been extended.

Suppliers can continue to submit new projects in Wales until 5:00 pm on 31 March 2022, and request vouchers with a top-up element until 5:00 pm on 30 September 2022, subject to budget. After this date, you will no longer be able to request a top-up in Wales but you are still able to request Gigabit Vouchers.

Voucher Pauses due to Procurements

BDUK has now written to all suppliers that we believe have projects in any of the below Lots in order to gather additional information as part of the Voucher Priority Area assessment. If you think you have projects in any of these areas and haven't been contacted in the last few days about it, please contact BDUKSuppliers@BDUK.gov.uk with the subject "Voucher Priority In Lot X" where X is the Lot number and provide details of your projects.

- Worcestershire (Lot 24)
- Oxfordshire and West Berkshire (Lot 13)
- Kent (Lot 29)
- Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and East of Berkshire (Lot 26)
- Staffordshire (Lot 19)
- West Sussex (Lot 1)

As a reminder, Voucher Priority Areas are designed to allow well developed, in-flight projects to deliver connectivity quicker than a procurement would. BDUK will confirm final VPAs for Phase 2A as well as 1B areas in due course.

Raising Queries

When raising queries via our support function on the portal, please only raise one ticket for a particular query rather than raising multiple tickets. If you are seeking to follow up the initial query, please follow up via the original request.



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.