



**Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Vouchers in Staffordshire and Shropshire following revised procurement approach

Addresses in Staffordshire and Shropshire are being made eligible for vouchers again following a change in the planned procurement approach for these areas.

Voucher eligibility was paused from 08 April 2022 in Staffordshire (Lot 19) and 14 January 2022 in Shropshire (Lot 25) to allow for Project Gigabit procurements to take place. However, following market engagement the procurement approach in both areas has changed which means voucher eligibility no longer needs to be paused if procurements are no longer currently planned.

In Staffordshire there are no live or planned local or regional procurements which means voucher eligibility will be unpaused for all premises in this Lot.

In Shropshire there are two live local procurements, one north of Shrewsbury and one in mid Shropshire, west of Shrewsbury. Therefore, voucher eligibility will be only unpaused for premises that are out of scope of the two procurements in this Lot. The scope of the live procurements, and subsequently what is not included, is shown in the [Shropshire Public Review closure notice maps](#).

The eligibility checker will be updated to reflect these changes after 5pm on 26 August, at which point suppliers can submit projects and request vouchers in these areas and any potential voucher projects previously stopped can be resumed.

An alternative procurement approach will be considered for both Staffordshire and Shropshire next year in place of the respective regional and local procurements which are no longer being pursued. We will update suppliers if this subsequently impacts voucher eligibility in the future.

Revised future voucher deadlines - Phase 3A

For the Lots below within Phase 3A, we have revised the final date for project submissions and voucher requests, prior to procurement, in order to align voucher deadlines with the close of PR for each area. Only premises in voucher priority areas will remain eligible for vouchers during procurement beyond the dates outlined below.

Lots in 3A - Friday 07 October

- Herefordshire (Lot 15)
- Lincolnshire (including NE Lincolnshire and N Lincolnshire) and East Riding (Lot 23)

- Cheshire (Lot 17)
- Gloucestershire (Lot 18)

Lots in 3A - Friday 04 November

- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (Lot 32)
- Devon and Somerset (Lot 6)
- Dorset (Lot 14)

Phase 3B voucher deadline

Voucher eligibility will be paused for all premises in lots in Phase 3B and Phase 3C. Only premises in voucher priority areas will remain eligible for vouchers during procurement beyond the dates outlined below.

Lots in 3B - Friday 04 November

- Essex (Lot 21)
- Northern North Yorkshire (Lot 31)

Lots in 3C - Friday 04 November

- Newcastle and North Tyneside (Lot 38)
- Birmingham and the Black Country (Lot 35)
- Merseyside and Greater Manchester (Lot 36)
- Greater London (Lot 37)

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.