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## Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative – Further Satellite Internet Service Rebate Program Expansion + New Scope Expansion Project

The Satellite Internet Service Rebate program is expanding once again to help more Nova Scotians get access to internet service faster.

As of November 30, 2022 the program is expanding to accept applications from all residents and business owners across the province who are currently unserved by high-speed wired or wireless internet. Projects previously announced through the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative continue to advance. This expanded program will provide an interim solution for many Nova Scotians.

The rebate remains available to the approximately 3,700 homes and businesses for which no feasible wired or wireless internet solution has been found as well as addresses previously identified as not receiving high-speed access until after the end of 2023.

The rebate will cover the one-time costs for eligible homes and businesses to set-up satellite internet, including hardware, taxes, shipping and installation, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

You can check if your address is eligible [here](#).

If eligible, and you are interested in taking part in the program, you will first need to purchase the hardware from a qualified satellite internet provider. Their high-speed satellite product must meet or exceed [CRTC minimum speed targets](#) of 50 Mbps download/10 Mbps.

Currently, [Starlink](#) has indicated that they can meet or exceed these minimum speeds. We would encourage you to reach out to the providers to determine which product best suits your needs. If other satellite providers can meet these minimum speeds, they could also become eligible.

You can then apply for the rebate via the online application noted above by providing information such as service address, proof of purchase and contact information.

**Note: For those in a project area with a wired solution currently underway, once access is available, you can decide to switch from satellite to the wired service. Focus remains to continue to advance projects wherever possible.**

[Read more on 'How It Works' here.](#)

[Read today's announcement here.](#)

### Quick Facts:

- the Satellite Internet Service Rebate program, led by Develop Nova Scotia, was announced on July 29 and expanded on August 11
- the program is funded through the Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust, following a government investment of \$8.5 million in 2021-22
- projects previously announced through the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative continue to advance
- effective December 1, legislation passed this fall will bring together Develop Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Lands to form Build Nova Scotia, which will maintain responsibility for the high-speed internet project

"Our government is committed to extending internet access to every household and business in Nova Scotia," said Economic Development Minister Susan Corkum-Greek. "This program expansion will bridge the gap for those currently without high-speed internet and allow them to gain access sooner as we work to achieve internet for everyone."

[Satellite Internet Service Rebate - Address Look-Up](#)

### Scope Expansion Project - Kings County

173 additional addresses will receive fibre through an expanded project in Kings County with one of our Internet For Nova Scotia Initiative project partners, [Cross Country Communications](#). Access is expected by the end of 2023.

Read more on the project [here](#).

Check to see if you're eligible for the expanded Satellite Internet Service Rebate Program which can provide an interim solution, [here](#).

### Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative Projects

We're working with providers and partners on some updated estimated completion timelines and will update project pages once available.

For more information on the overall Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative and to view projects in your community, visit [here](#).



Garth Laidlaw - Internet Access Fundamental to Rural Economies

Garth Laidlaw is a professional artist, animator, and instructor based in Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia. Having moved his primarily online business from Ontario, Garth found that lack of consistent internet access in his new home was a major roadblock for his career. But through the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative, Garth's business and productivity has received a boost through access to reliable high-speed internet.

The more people like Garth that get connected, the closer we get to our goal of bringing new access to high-speed internet to as close to 100% of Nova Scotia homes and businesses as possible. The Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative will help businesses grow, students learn, and provide access to critical services—helping rural communities in Nova Scotia to thrive. Watch Garth's story [here](#).

Read more in our Annual Report by visiting [here](#)

**Satellite Internet Service Rebate**  
For More Information  
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### Frequently Asked Questions

- Who is now eligible for this rebate?**  
As of Nov. 30, 2022 the rebate program will expand to homes and businesses that currently don't have access to high-speed internet. This includes those in a current project area, not yet complete. The rebate remains available to the approximately 3,700 homes and businesses for which no feasible wired or wireless internet solution has been found as well as addresses previously identified as not receiving high-speed access until after the end of 2023.
- What type of dwelling or business is eligible for the satellite rebate?**  
Any type of dwelling or business is eligible if located at an eligible address that has a civic number assigned to it.
- What can the rebate be used for?**  
The rebate will cover the one-time costs for eligible homes and businesses to set-up satellite internet, including hardware, taxes, shipping and installation, up to a maximum of \$1,000.
- What are the requirements?**  
Qualified satellite service providers must meet or exceed the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Committee minimum speed targets of 50 Mbps download / 10 Mbps upload. Currently, Starlink has indicated they can meet or exceed these requirements.

If other satellite providers can meet these minimum speeds, they could become eligible.
- If someone in an unserved area bought satellite last week for example, can they now get a rebate?**  
Eligible addresses have been updated at <https://internet.developns.ca/satellite> which includes those who are underserved up to and including Nov. 30/22. The rebate is for a qualified satellite provider.
- What if I take advantage of the rebate program and then decide to move to fibre/wired once my project area is complete?**  
For those in a project area with a wired solution currently underway, once access is available, you can decide to switch from satellite to the wired service. Focus remains to continue to advance projects wherever possible.

More FAQs [here](#).



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