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Satellite Internet Service Rebate program will open on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022**
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Satellite Internet Service Rebate Program Announced to Serve Hardest-to-Reach with High-Speed Internet

The government is helping homes and businesses get internet where there is no access to wired or wireless solutions.

The Satellite Internet Service Rebate program announced today, July 29, 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. The rebate will be available to about 3,700 homes and businesses for which no other internet service solution has been found.

"As our province continues to grow, important infrastructure like reliable high-speed internet is critical to our success," said Economic Development Minister Susan Corkum-Greek. "We want to foster growth and prosperity across Nova Scotia, and each new internet connection represents fewer barriers, faster business growth and more communities being able to connect."

The government has invested \$8.5 million in the Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust for the program, as part of its commitment to extend internet to every household in Nova Scotia.

The program, led by Develop Nova Scotia, will open on Tuesday, August 2. Nova Scotians should confirm they are eligible for the rebate before purchasing satellite equipment. They can confirm their eligibility by visiting <https://internet.developns.ca/satellite> and entering their home or business address.

Once eligibility has been confirmed and the satellite service and equipment has been purchased, applications can be submitted electronically or by mail by the customer.

Qualified satellite service providers for the program must meet or exceed the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Committee minimum speed targets of 50 Mbps download / 10 Mbps upload. Currently, only Starlink has indicated they can meet or exceed these speeds, but if other satellite providers can meet these speeds, they may also be included in the program.

"New connections are happening daily. Today, approximately 90 per cent of Nova Scotians have access to high-speed internet and projects are underway to reach greater than 99.5 per cent by 2023. This Satellite Internet Service Rebate means we'll get even closer to 100 per cent coverage of homes and businesses across Nova Scotia, providing infrastructure that removes barriers and provides for delivery of important services and makes important connections for people across Nova Scotia."
- Gordon Stevens, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President, Finance, Develop Nova Scotia

"The Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative has made great strides in delivering this access to more businesses and households than ever before, and we are excited to see this latest investment help bridge the gap for those in locations still experiencing challenges. I know this investment will have a significant impact in Cape Breton-Unama'ki, where many businesses have remained limited by a lack of a reliable internet service."
- Tyler Mattheis, President and CEO, Cape Breton Partnership

Quick Facts

- the Province's investment in the Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust is from the 2021-22 budget
- projects underway through the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative, combined with a municipal-led project, will see more than 99.5 per cent of Nova Scotia's homes and businesses gain access to high-speed internet by the end of 2023
- the most feasible solution to achieve internet access for the remaining homes and businesses is through satellite internet, with the goal to reach as close to 100 per cent as possible
- legislation will be introduced in the fall to bring together Develop Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Lands to form Build Nova Scotia, which will maintain responsibility for the high-speed internet project

Frequently Asked Questions

- What type of dwelling or business is eligible for the 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.
- Why only satellite internet when I know other providers offer service nearby?**
The feasibility of providing access to high-speed internet services involves more than proximity to network infrastructure. The terrain, supporting infrastructure and prevalence of road, rail and water crossings in the area all play a significant role.
- What are the requirements?**
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If other satellite providers can meet these minimum speeds, they could become eligible.
- If someone in an unserved area bought satellite last week, can they now get a rebate?**

The program opens on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and Develop Nova Scotia will use that as the date when assessing eligibility.

That being said, if there is a unique circumstance where someone has very recently purchased satellite internet, Develop Nova Scotia would look at that and assess on a case-by-case basis.



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