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E-Rate for FY 2025

Wave 13 of funding commitment decision letters for FY 2025 was released on Thursday, July 17th, for \$49.4 million, including 1.19 million for eighteen North Carolina applicants. Total funding is now \$1.54 billion, including \$35.1 million for North Carolina. Currently, USAC has funded 77.3% of submitted applications, representing 48.2% of the dollars requested.

Cybersecurity Pilot Program – Application Window:

The Form 471 application window for the Cybersecurity Pilot Program opened on March 18th and will close on September 15th, 2025. Total pilot funding is capped at \$200 million for 690 applicants, including \$7.9 million for fifteen North Carolina applicants.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

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| July 22 | USAC webinar on the Cyber Pilot Form 470 (Register). | | | | | | | | |
| July 25 | FY 2024 Form 486 deadline for Wave 49. The Form 486 deadline is 120 days after the FCDL date, or the service start date (typically July 1 st), whichever is later. The next Form 486 deadlines for FY 2024 are: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>Wave 50</td><td>08/01/2025</td></tr> <tr><td>Wave 51</td><td>08/08/2025</td></tr> <tr><td>Wave 52</td><td>08/15/2025</td></tr> <tr><td>Wave 53</td><td>08/22/2025</td></tr> </table> | Wave 50 | 08/01/2025 | Wave 51 | 08/08/2025 | Wave 52 | 08/15/2025 | Wave 53 | 08/22/2025 |
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| July 29 | USAC webinar on the Cyber Pilot Form 484 Part 2 (Register). | | | | | | | | |
| August 7 | USAC webinar on the Cyber Pilot Form 471 (Register). | | | | | | | | |
| August 18 | Last day to certify a CBR Form 470 to meet the minimum 28-day posting period before filing the CBR Form 471. | | | | | | | | |

- September 5 Final day of the PIA summer deferral period (which began May 23rd).
- September 9 USAC in-person training in Denver, CO.
- September 15 Close of the Cybersecurity Pilot Form 471 application window and deadline for filing the Form 484 Part 2.
- September 16 USAC in-person training in Washington, DC.

USAC Cybersecurity Pilot Program Newsletter Dated July 17th

[USAC's Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program Newsletter dated July 17, 2025](#), covers the following topics:

- Key deadlines:
 - August 18th Last day to file a CBR Form 470 to allow the minimum 28-day posting period before the close of the application window.
 - September 15th Deadline for filing the CBR Form 471 application and the companion CBR Form 484 Part 2.
- Upcoming Cyber Pilot webinars:
 - Pilot FCC Form 470 Webinar
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET — [Register](#)
 - Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 Webinar
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET — [Register](#)
 - Pilot FCC Form 471 Webinar
Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET — [Register](#)
- Service Start Dates, even before receiving an FCDL, have been allowable from March 18, 2025.
- Service providers participating in the Cyber Pilot must file a Form 498.
- Hints on downloading documents via the [Cybersecurity Pilot FCC Form 470 Download Tool](#).

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Additional North Carolina specific E-Rate information is available through our Web site — <http://www.E-Ratecentral.com/us/stateInformation.asp?state=NC>. Note that this site provides easy access to formatted North Carolina applicant E-Rate histories via the Billed Entity Number ("BEN") search mechanism in the upper left-hand corner. Detailed information can be obtained by "drilling down" using the links for specific funding years and individual FRNs.

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