

**APRIL 2015**

**ANNEX 2**

**FACTSHEET: Home Access**

Based on IDA’s *Annual Surveys on Infocomm Usage in Households and by Individuals 2013*, 13% of resident households are without internet access. Among these resident households without Internet access, 9% indicated affordability as the main reason for not having home Internet access.

The objective of the **Home Access** programme is to provide low-income households with access to the Internet. This includes the provision of a basic mobile computing device and internet connectivity in the homes. The programme targets to benefit 8,000 households over 4 years.

**Home Access** Bundle will include a basic computing device (e.g. tablet) and 4 years of internet connectivity (e.g. fibre broadband). The beneficiaries are required to keep the device for the entire qualifying period.

The following table summarises **Home Access** eligibility criteria:

Criteria	
<b>Income</b>	<p><u>Economically Active</u> :</p> Household Income <= \$1,900; or Per Capital Income <= \$600. <p>OR</p> <p><u>Economically inactive</u> :</p> Residential Annual Value (RAV) <=\$13,000
<b>Citizenship</b>	At least 1 member of the household <sup>1</sup> is a Singapore Citizen
<b>Others</b>	Household has not benefited from NEU PC Plus or <b>Home Access</b> in the last 4 years AND Does not have a school-going child <sup>2</sup> [Households with school-going children should tap on NEU PC Plus]

<sup>1</sup> Related members staying at the same address, based NRIC, and share food arrangement.

<sup>2</sup> Full-time students studying in a Government or Government-Aided School, Junior College, Centralised Institute, Independent School, Specialised Independent School, Specialised School, Institute of Technical Education, Polytechnic or MOE-funded Special Education School.

## **Mode of Application: Pre-qualification and Direct Application**

### **Pre-qualification**

Current beneficiaries of relevant government assistance schemes would be pre-qualified for Home Access. Pre-qualified beneficiaries received a pre-qualified package consisting of a *letter* informing them of their eligibility, a *step-by-step guide* on what to do next and a *Home Access Card*, which they need to bring to the appointed Industry Partner to sign up for a Home Access Bundle. The first batch of pre-qualification packages were sent to eligible beneficiaries in December 2014 and would continue to be sent on a regular basis.

### **Direct Application**

Complementing the pre-qualification mode, other eligible households are also able to apply directly through appointed processing partners since 1 April 2015. These households would be required to submit the completed application form together with the necessary supporting documents for processing to the following Approving Agencies:

- 1) Association for Muslim Professionals
- 2) Chinese Development Assistance Council
- 3) Singapore Indian Development Association
- 4) The Eurasian Association
- 5) MENDAKI Sense

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### **Home Access Bundles**

Qualified households need only to co-pay *up to \$6 per month* for 48 months to enjoy the fibre broadband internet access bundled with a basic device (e.g. tablet) under ***Home Access***.

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