

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.

Launched in September 2014, the **Home Access** programme aims to make internet connectivity more accessible and affordable to the low-income households. 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 | |
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| Income | <p><u>Economically Active</u> :</p> <p>Household Income <= \$1,900; or Per Capital Income <= \$600.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>Economically inactive</u> :</p> <p>Residential Annual Value (RAV) <=\$13,000</p> |
| Citizenship | At least 1 member of the household ¹ is a Singapore Citizen |
| Others | <p>Household is not a current beneficiary of NEU PC Plus or Home Access</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Does not have a school-going child² [Households with school-going children should tap on NEU PC Plus]</p> |

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

² 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 will be pre-qualified for Home Access. Letters will be sent to these pre-qualified beneficiaries to inform them of their eligibility. Pre-qualified beneficiaries only need to bring the Home Access card to an appointed Industry Partner to sign up for a Home Access Bundle.

Direct Application

Complementing the pre-qualification mode, other eligible households can also apply directly through appointed processing partners. 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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