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Broadband Connection Vouchers

***£3,000 grants available
to upgrade your broadband
connection for small and
medium-sized businesses***

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*You can apply for a **Broadband Connection Voucher** to upgrade to a high speed/high grade connection for your business.*

The grant of up to £3,000 will pay for the capital and equipment costs of getting a better, faster connection to your business. You pay any VAT charged and the monthly line rental to your service provider.

The connection should be a real change in service speed or quality for your business – over 30Mbps on a shared line or 20Mbps on a dedicated service.

Confused by the technology?

If you're not sure what kind of service or connection to choose, check out the guide on our website which explains the options and how each might help you meet your business needs.

www.connectionvouchers.co.uk

Increase your productivity, innovate and grow

A high speed broadband connection can transform your business allowing you to increase productivity, innovate and grow.

You can:

- ▶ Operate more efficiently, saving you time, travel and resources
- ▶ Improve your customer service by sending large files quickly and reliably
- ▶ Increase your competitiveness by having access to new technology and tools
- ▶ Grow and access new markets through reliable communication with customers and suppliers
- ▶ Future-proof your business with infrastructure that is ready for change

Am I eligible?

To apply for a broadband Connection Voucher you must either be:

- ▶ a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) or
- ▶ a registered charity, social enterprise or sole trader.

In addition, you must:

- ▶ be located in one of the 22 participating cities
- ▶ use a registered supplier
- ▶ choose a high speed/ high grade connection.

How to apply

1 Visit our website and read the eligibility checker to make sure you can apply

2 Choose two suppliers from the list of registered suppliers in your city

3 Obtain two quotes for a similar quality/speed of service

4 Submit your completed application form and two installation quotes

*Don't miss the opportunity to grow your business – apply for your **Connection Voucher** today.*

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Superconnected Cities are part of the Superfast Britain programme. This is a Government investment of over £1 billion in broadband and mobile infrastructure across the UK.

Superfast Britain comprises
3 key projects:

- ▶ **£790 million** to extend superfast broadband to **95%** of the UK by **2017**
- ▶ **£150 million** to provide high speed connectivity in **22 cities**
- ▶ **£150 million** to improve quality and coverage of mobile phone and basic data network services

Administered on behalf of Government by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), this programme is transforming Britain by promoting growth, enabling skills and learning, and improving quality of life.

For more information about vouchers, go to
www.connectionvouchers.co.uk

For more information about BDUK, go to
www.gov.uk/broadband-delivery-uk

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Conditions apply

- ▶ Connection Vouchers operate under de minimis State Aid regulations. An upper limit of Eu200k (approx. £165k) for all de minimis aid given to any one business over three financial years. See the Guidance for Applicants for more information.
- ▶ A Connection Voucher is issued to an individual business and is non-transferable.