

E-Rate Update for September 17, 2018 ACTEM Business Meeting

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E-Rate Updates

1. FY2018 Funding Waves

Most funding decision commitment letters for FY2018 have been issued. If you still have an FRN under review, contact your PIA reviewer for a status report.

2. Upcoming Forms and Deadlines

a. FY2018 Form 486

Every FRN on every Form 471 for which you receive an FCDL must be included on a Form 486 to indicate the start of services. As your various FRNs are likely to appear in different funding waves, you may very well end up with different Form 486 deadlines. Keep track of the deadline for each FRN because if your Form 486 is late, USAC will deduct a portion of your approved funding.

Deadlines:

For those FRNs in the early FY2018 funding waves dated prior to July 1 (assuming services start on July 1):
October 29, 2018

For those FRNs with an FCDL dated July 1 or later:
120 days after the date of the FCDL or the start of services (whichever is later)

b. FY2017 BEAR Forms

BEARs will continue to be filed in the existing BEAR applicant login area (not in EPC). Once you have received an FCDL, have filed a Form 486, and have paid the bill(s) associated with the BEAR request for reimbursement, you may file your BEARs as often as you desire (monthly, quarterly, once a year) up to your funding commitment dollar amount.

Deadline: October 28, 2018

3. FY2019

a. Standardized E-Rate Calendar

There will be a standardized E-Rate calendar for most forms and processes beginning with FY2019. Filing windows will open and close on the same date every year. A few dates will continue to be rolling, such as the Form 486. USAC presented a proposed set of dates at the last Schools and Libraries Board Meeting, which are awaiting FCC approval. As soon as the calendar is officially announced, I will send out an announcement.

b. FY2019 Form 470

The FY2019 Form 470 is available in EPC. You must file a Form 470 if you want to receive E-Rate for FY2019 and have an expiring contract or want to request reimbursements for new products or services. Remember, that as far as we know, unless the FCC takes some action, FY2019 could be the last year that you can use your current Category 2 Budget. My advice is to use it while you have it. We do not know if in FY2020 you will get another budget to work with or if C2 will return to a 2 in 5 process.

c. FY2019 Administrative Window

If the proposed E-Rate dates can be believed, the Administrative Window will run October 1 to January 7. During this window, you should update your enrollment and NSLP numbers in EPC before profiles are locked down just before the FY2019 Form 471 Filing Window.

d. FY2019 Form 471 Window

For planning purposes, operate under the assumption that the proposed filing window dates of January 10 to March 20 will be used.

Do not consider either of these window dates to be written in stone - they may yet change. I will be sending out the new E-Rate Calendar as soon as USAC does.

Networkmaine Updates

1. Participation Fees

Networkmaine still plans not to charge participation fees this year.

2. Pre-Enrollment and Enrollment

Pre-Enrollment will be held October 22 - November 9. Pre-enrollment is only for those sites that do not report free and reduced lunch numbers to the DOE or otherwise need to complete an Alternative Discount Mechanism Form.

Enrollment will be held in January. All new and continuing members of Networkmaine must complete enrollment. For most of you, it will consist solely of a brief online survey and a Form 479 to certify your CIPA compliance.

3. Video Conferencing Services

Networkmaine is moving from Cisco Jabber Video to Zoom. An email went out to the MSLNTC-L Digest list describing the change (a copy is included in case you didn't see it). I would direct you there for all the techie details.

The important piece is that you may not need a full paid version of Zoom Pro. A free version is available that may be sufficient for your needs. Current subscribers will receive an invitation to join Networkmaine's Zoom account shortly along with further instructions.

Zoom Pro subscriptions will cost \$65 each per year for Networkmaine members.

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Topics of the day:

1. MOVI and Zoom announcement

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2018 10:38:45 -0400
From: Networkmaine <support@MAINE.EDU>
Subject: MOVI and Zoom announcement

Greetings,

As initially announced back in November, Networkmaine has been searching for a new video conferencing solution to replace our current offering based on Cisco legacy products. In January Cisco ended support for 'Jabber Video for Telepresence' also known as MOVI solidifying the need to make a change. After an extended evaluation and procurement process we are pleased to announce that we have selected Zoom for our new video conferencing service.

Zoom offers all the core features of MOVI along with a number of additional features. Subscribers with a current paid MOVI subscription will continue out the remainder of their subscription period with a Zoom Pro account which includes a room connector option that allows interoperability with Room systems like Cisco, Tandberg, and Polycom systems and the ability to join conferences scheduled with TMS. Moving to Zoom will allow current subscribers to host conferences within Zoom with or without room systems, host Zoom basic clients, or join video conferences scheduled with TMS all within a Web client or smartphone app. Current MOVI subscribers will receive an invitation to join Networkmaine's Zoom account shortly along with further instructions.

As Zoom uses a different pricing/feature model, you may not need as many subscriptions if you are servicing a large group of users and we encourage you to evaluate your needs. Zoom offers a free account option, Zoom Basic, that allows unlimited 1 to 1 meetings with other Zoom Basic users and limited 40 minute conferences for up to 100 Zoom Basic participants.

Networkmaine Zoom Pro subscribers can host up to 100 Zoom users, including Zoom Basic users for an unlimited amount of time, make use of Networkmaine's 'room connector' licenses that enable Zoom to interact with Room systems, MOVI, or other SIP/H.323 devices, have a custom meeting room URI, schedule meetings, record conferences, and other features. More information on Zoom Pro features and other Zoom plans can be found at <https://zoom.us/pricing>

We have negotiated an attractive subscription price. Networkmaine members may purchase a Networkmaine Zoom Pro subscription from us for \$65 per year.

If you would like to learn more about Zoom, they have an extensive support and help section at <https://support.zoom.us> and also provide live training sessions at <https://zoom.us/livetraining>

Because support for MOVI has been discontinued by Cisco, Networkmaine MOVI servers will be decommissioned in December. At that time the MOVI application will cease to function.

For Networkmaine account specific questions, please contact us at support@maine.edu or 207-581-3587.

Thank you.

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