



Australian Broadband Guarantee Fact Sheet

The Australian Government is committed to providing fast, affordable broadband services to all Australians, regardless of where they live.

The \$162.5 million *Australian Broadband Guarantee* will fill in any remaining broadband blackspots across Australia. Anyone unable to access a metro-comparable broadband service at their principal place of residence or small business can receive a subsidised broadband service.

The *Australian Broadband Guarantee* commenced on 2 April 2007 and offers registered providers a subsidy of up to \$2750 (GST inclusive) per premises to provide either a land-based or satellite-based broadband service for those Australians living in the most remote or difficult to reach areas.

The first phase of the *Australian Broadband Guarantee* runs until 30 June 2008 when the funds generated from the income of the \$2 billion Communications Fund come on stream. The Communications Fund was established in 2005 to ensure appropriate resources are available for regional telecommunications initiatives into the future.

To find out if you are eligible to receive the *Australian Broadband Guarantee* subsidy and how to access it, please call the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts on 1800 883 488.

If you already have Internet access you, can also find out if you are eligible to receive the *Australian Broadband Guarantee* subsidy and how to access it via www.dcita.gov.au/broadband and clicking on the Broadband Service Locator.