



# GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME

## Get connected

From the Government's pledge to create a full fibre Britain came the £67m Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, offering the fastest and most reliable speeds currently available.

This scheme, which is primarily aimed at businesses, gives the public the opportunity to have the cost of upgrading to a Gigabit Broadband Network covered by government vouchers.

A gigabit is the same as 1,000 megabits which means that this upgrade will be a massive leap forward in terms of speed, even from a superfast broadband connection.

Residents can apply too as long as their upgrade also benefits a local business.

Businesses can claim up to £3,000 against the cost of the connection to the gigabit broadband network and residents £500, both either individually or as part of a group project.

The scheme is only accessible through broadband service providers; the vouchers are issued straight from national government to the suppliers to offset the cost of the broadband installation in the premises. These vouchers are on a first come first served basis.

### How do I apply?

1. Check whether there are suppliers in your area by searching on the gigabit website
2. Check whether you are eligible for a voucher by reading the criteria listed on the website

For full details about whether you are eligible for a voucher and to connect you to a full fibre broadband supplier, go to: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

# Get faster broadband

# Superfast Leicestershire

## What is Superfast Leicestershire?

Superfast Leicestershire is a Leicestershire County Council led programme which is bringing superfast broadband access to more than 75,000 homes and businesses by the end of 2018.

The rollout is being delivered by Openreach with hundreds of miles of fibre optic cabling being deployed to make Leicestershire one of the best connected areas in the UK. By the end of 2018 97% of all homes and business will be able to access superfast broadband.

## What are the benefits of upgrading?

Your business will benefit from the reliability and speed that fibre broadband brings if you:

- Work with and download large files
- Upload website content
- Work from home
- Want to move to cloud based services
- Need to share assets and collaborate with colleagues on documents in real time.

Businesses across Leicester and Leicestershire are using fibre broadband to maximise growth.

They are expanding their customer base and improving their profits.

By having fibre broadband you will be able to benefit from faster upload and download speeds. You will be able to host meetings via video link and reach customers through a range of communications including social media. Alongside accessing cloud based customer relationship management (CRM) systems, which means you can utilise the same tools as larger companies but for a fraction of the cost.

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