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The FCC and USAC Implement an Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Connection with the Department of Education

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Partnership Simplifies Qualification for ACP Consumers

On May 22, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and USAC implemented a federal connection between the National Verifier and the U.S. Department of Education to verify participation in the Federal Pell Grant program. An ACP applicant who received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year and who applies online via the National Verifier may now benefit from this connection.

Consumers applying for the ACP will also continue to benefit from the National Verifier's federal connections with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to verify participation in Federal Housing Assistance programs, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to verify participation in Medicaid, and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to verify participation in qualifying Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit programs.

The FCC and USAC sincerely appreciate the dedication and ongoing support of our federal partners at the Department of Education. We look forward to partnering with additional state and federal agencies on implementing connections with the National Verifier. To review all available connections and federal assistance programs that qualify consumers for the ACP please visit the [ACP Database Connection](#) webpage. To learn more about implementing a connection with us, please email ACPGovPartners@usac.org.

Need Help? Contact Us!

For questions about the Affordable Connectivity Program, service providers can visit [USAC.org](https://www.usac.org), and consumers should visit [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://www.AffordableConnectivity.gov). For general program support, service providers should email ACProgram@usac.org and consumers should email ACPSupport@usac.org. Both providers and consumers may also call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575 for assistance.

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