

The FCC announced additional relief to applicants and service providers by extending several upcoming procedural E-rate deadlines due to the pandemic.

**Relief granted:**

- **PIA Inquiries:** In addition to the 14-day extension the FCC previously granted, applicants will have an additional 30-days to respond to PIA requests. (I don't believe the EPC system will update the due-dates due to system limitations. Also, please keep in mind that the sooner you respond to these requests, the sooner you'll receive your funding commitment decision letter (FCDL)).
- **Equipment Installation:** Deadline to purchase/install all FY 2019 non-recurring services (equipment) is extended from September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021. By extension, this will automatically make the invoice deadline for all FY 2019 non-recurring FRNs January 28, 2022.
- **Special Construction:** Deadline to complete special construction of FY 2019 Category 1 fiber networks is extended from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. In addition, any FY 2018 applicants that had already requested/received a one-year extension also will be granted the additional year to complete the special construction.
- **Appeals/Waivers:** Deadline to submit appeals to USAC or the FCC is extended from 60 days to 120 days for all USAC decisions dated January 11, 2020 – August 1, 2020.
- **Reimbursement Forms to USAC:** Deadline is extended an additional 120 days for any Form 472 BEAR Reimbursement Form (or vendor SPI) with a current deadline that falls between March 11, 2020 - October 28, 2020. This applies even if you already received an invoice extension for the FRN in question.
- **Form 486:** Deadline is extended an additional 120 days for FY 2019 Form 486s that would have been due between March 11, 2020 - September 30, 2020.
- **Information Requests for Audits, Form 500's, Appeals, and Invoices:** Applicants will have an additional 30 days to respond to USAC information requests for BCAP Audits, PQA Audits, Form 500s, Appeals and Invoice Reviews.