# nbn™ – Ask questions before you connect

#### A switch to the NBN network is not automatic

Check your home address to find out if the NBN network is available at your business (<a href="www.nbn.com.au">www.nbn.com.au</a>). Once you have confirmation that you can switch, contact your retail service provider to discuss your requirements <a href="mailto:after">after</a> reading your checklist.

# THERE'S NO RUSH

Once you receive the "ready for service"

(RFS) advice in the post, you now have 18 months to migrate your services before the old copper network is decommissioned.

#### Who knows about what?

Service	Who do I ask?
Phone/Internet/Data Plans	Telecom provider, Retail Service Provider (Old ISP)
Fax machine	Office Machines Supplier, Manufacturer
Fire or burglar alarm system	Service provider (probably through your installer)
Personal alarm	Service provider for your medical alerts
ATM/EFTPOS	The bank that supplied the device
Additional cabling	Requires a qualified tradesman – get a quote

### **Important**

Alarms you may have installed in your business, home or on your person should be registered with the NBN. Visit the webpage or call 1800 227 300. Register the following:

- Fire alarms and elevator phones (<u>www.nbn.com.au/fireandlift</u>)
- Medical Alarm both individuals and Corporates



### You've just got to ask ...

Consumers – <u>do not be rushed</u>. Wait until you have answers to all your questions and the correct plan.

- Ask your Retail Service Provider: What is the speed of this service?
- If cancelling a service and moving to another provider ask:
  What is the cancellation fee?
- If changing plans with the same provider ask: Is there a charge involved?
- Phone customers state that you want to: 1) Retain you existing number
   2) Have continuity of service
- Renting or leasing: Once you have checked your address and know the installation procedure being planned for your home. You should contact your landlord or agent as you may need permission.
- Discuss your current set up with your preferred phone or internet service provider when you order your **nbn**<sup>™</sup> services to find out what you will need. You may require extra cabling installed by a certified cabler at additional cost.
- Network changes summarised:
  - . NBN Fixed Line customers have 18 months to transition from RFS date
  - . NBN Fixed Wireless and Satellite customers retain their existing services
- \* Top Tip Businesses should commence their transition to the NBN at least 12 months prior to the disconnection date.



# PERSISTENCE PAYS

Please note, you may have to be persistent to get a straight answer. Do not assume that the base plan is faster than your existing ADSL (if you have it).



### **Broadband Connection – Who do I talk to?**



The task	Who to contact?
Check availability of service	You can check online at <a href="https://www.nbn.com.au">www.nbn.com.au</a> or through retail service providers (RSPs)
Purchase a service	RSPs sell plans to homes and businesses. They will also organise for a technician to connect your premises
Get connected	After purchasing a service, your RSP will arrange for equipment to be installed at your premises.
Delay in getting connected	If the technician missed an appointment or connection is taking longer than expected contact your RSP.
Property damage during installation	If the NBN technician caused damage to your property during installation then contact NBN Co, who will repair this damage at no charge.
Service does not work	If your service does not work after NBN has installed the equipment, contact your RSP.
Complaint of faulty services	If there are problems with your connection, such as unusable services, dropouts, delays, slow speeds etc. you should raise the issue with your RSP.
Query bill charges	If you experience any unexpected charges you should raise these with your RSP.
Service outage	If your service stops working for any reason, contact your RSP.
Disconnecting	If you no longer want a service, contact your RSP.
Moving services	If you are moving house, contact your RSP about changing your service to different premises. Fees may apply. Ask.
Damaged or moved equipment	If the equipment gets damaged (for example during storms or an object hitting the satellite dish) contact your RSP. An NBN technician may be required to visit your premises and there may be a cost, check with your provider.
Complaint about a RSP or NBN not addressing problems	If your complaint to your RSP or NBN has not been dealt with, contact the Telecoms Industry Ombudsman who will refer your complaint to your provider or NBN and give them 10 days to fix your problem. If this does not solve your problem the TIO will work with you and the provider to see if you can agree on how to fix the problem.
Changing retail service provider	Switching between RSPs is easy. Just make sure there are no early termination fees with your current provider.



#### **Useful links**



#### New 'Guide to NBN Business'

www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business

#### 'Preparing for the NBN network' + Interactive readiness checklist

www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/information-for-business/prepare-your-business.html

#### Enhanced 'Benefits' and 'Step-by-step guide to connecting'

 $\underline{www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/information-for-business/benefits-for-business.html}$ 

www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/information-for-business/step-by-step-to-connecting-your-business.html

# Click on the speed test site to measure download and uploads speeds <a href="https://www.speedtest.net">www.speedtest.net</a>

Better Internet for Rural, Regional and Remote Australia <a href="https://www.birrraus.com">www.birrraus.com</a>

Australian Consumer Communications Action Network <a href="https://www.accan.org.au">www.accan.org.au</a>

#### **Comparison Website**

www.whistleout.com.au

#### Video streaming test results

https://www.google.com/get/videoqualityreport/

#### Average Netflix speed delivered by internet services

https://ispspeedindex.netflix.com/country/australia/

#### Discussions on service and performance

http://forums.whirlpool.net.au/

#### Location of mobile and NBN towers

https://oztowers.com.au/Home/Query

**SCAMWATCH** 

Internet scammers

may attempt to take

your money, your

identity, or your

personal information.

If you think you smell

a rat then contact

ScamWatch.

Just saying ... if a RSP price offer looks too good to be true then it could be slow. Check review comments before signing up with a retail service provider. Think about what you get, not just what you pay.



