Recertification Office Hours

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Agenda

- Recertification Overview
- Methods to Recertify
- De-Enrollment
- Recertification Reports
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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Recertification Overview

Recertification Overview

• Recertification is an annual requirement for all Lifeline subscribers to ensure that they are still eligible for the Lifeline benefit. 2025 recertification began on **Thursday, February 13, 2025**.



A subscriber record is checked against the automated database to verify eligibility.



The outcome of the database check is populated in the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) Recertification Subscriber Status Report.

If a subscriber passes the check, no additional steps are needed. If a subscriber fails the check, the 60-day recertification window will begin.



Failed/non-responsive subscribers are sent a de-enrollment notification and automatically deenrolled from NLAD.

Recertification Overview

Methods to Recertify

- There are two recertification application types when eligibility could not be automatically verified, each with their own method to recertify:
 - **R-Application** Requires Recertification Form
 - D-Application Requires Recertification Form and proof documentation
- See chart on the right for the specific methods to recertify.

R-Application (RXXXXX-XXXXX)	D-Application (DXXXXX-XXXXX)
Requires only completion of the Recertification Form	Requires completion of Recertification Form and proof documentation
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Recertify by Online • National Verifier Consumer Portal	 Recertify Online National Verifier Consumer Portal National Verifier Service Provider Portal National Verifier Eligibility Check API
Recertify via Interactive Voice Response (IVR)	

Recertification Overview Recertification Outcome

- Subscribers will receive notifications about their successful or unsuccessful recertification status based on their chosen recertification method.
 - If a subscriber recertified online or via the Interactive Voice Response (IVR), an immediate confirmation of their submission will be received.
 - If a subscriber recertified via mail, a mailed notification will be sent shortly after the successful recertification is processed.

Note: Only subscribers that are required to recertify will receive outreach.

Recertification Overview De-Enrollment

- If a subscriber does not successfully recertify by the end of their 60-day recertification window, they will be automatically de-enrolled from NLAD five business days after their recertification window closes.
- Service providers will be notified via an automated email (sent to ETC Administrator user role) of all de-enrollments for failed/non-responsive subscribers through the Failed Recertification De-enroll Report in NLAD.
 - The email notification will indicate de-enrollments have occurred in one or more of the service provider's Study Area Codes (SACs) and direct them to check the report for more information.



Recertification Reports

Recertification Reports Sign in to One Portal

• Access NLAD through USAC's <u>One Portal</u>.

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Sign In

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Sign in to One Portal

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02/26 Recertification 2025 Office Hours	National Verifier - All participating service providers use the National Verifier to help prospective consumers apply and verify eligibility for the federal Lifeline benefit or the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).	Send us a message Click here Call us
03/12 2025 Monthly Webinar	National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) - Service providers enroll Lifeline or ACP subscribers in NLAD to identify recipients, prevent duplicate benefits, and track household usage. Service providers must register a subscriber in NLAD for a company to claim Lifeline or ACP reimbursement.	(888) 641-8722
	National Lifeline Accountability Database Staging Environment - The NLAD staging environment allows Lifeline and ACP providers to test system features.	
	Lifeline Claims System (LCS) - Lifeline service providers file monthly reimbursement claims using the Lifeline Claims System.	

Recertification Subscriber Status Report

- Reports are located under 'Tools & Resources'.
- The Recertification Subscriber
 Status Report outlines the status
 of subscribers as they progress
 through the recertification process
 under their SAC.

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Recertification Subscriber Status Report (Continued)

- Results from the report will include records for all subscribers that began and/or completed the recertification process between the dates selected.
- Key sections of the report include:
 - Recertification Status: Displays the status of the subscriber's recertification requirement.
 - **Sub Recert Deadline**: The deadline date by which the subscriber is required to complete recertification.

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Recertification Subscriber Status Report (Continued)

- Additional report sections include:
 - **Recertification Status**: Displays the status of the subscriber's recertification requirement.
 - **Sub Recert Deadline**: The deadline date by which the subscriber is required to complete recertification.
 - **Eligibility Docs Required**: Indicates if the subscriber must submit documentation to verify their Lifeline eligibility.

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Recertification Subscriber Status Report (Continued)

- Also included in the report:
 - **Eligibility Docs Required**: Indicates if the subscriber must submit documentation to verify their Lifeline eligibility.
 - **Eligibility Doc Rejection Reason**: Specifies the reason for the rejection of the submitted documentation.
 - Address Resolution Required: Indicates if the subscriber needs to correct address errors on their recertification application.

Subscriber Management	ACP Subscriber Management	Claims	Account Management	Tools & Resources
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Failed Recertification Reports

Failed Recertification De-Enroll Report

• The Failed Recertification De-Enroll Report lists all subscribers de-enrolled from NLAD due to failing recertification.

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Failed Recertification Reports

Failed Recertification De-Enroll Report (Continued)

- Results from the report will include subscriber records that have been de-enrolled between the dates selected.
- Key sections of the report include:
 - **Application ID**: The number used to identify a subscriber's recertification application.
 - **Sub Recert Deadline**: The deadline date by which the subscriber was required to complete recertification.

Universal Service Administrative Co.	National Lifeline Account	ability Datab	ase	
Subscriber Management	ACP Subscriber Management	Claims	Account Management	Tools & Resource

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Failed Recertification De-Enroll Report

Instructions									
NLAD Transaction Date	De- Enrollment Code	Transaction Type	ETC General Use	Application ID	Study Area Code	Last Name	Subscriber ID	Anniversary Date	Sub Recer Deadline

Question	Answer
	 Recertification is an annual Lifeline requirement to verify the ongoing eligibility of active subscribers for the Lifeline benefit.
 What distinguishes recertification from reverification? 	 Reverification was a one-time process, concluding in August 2024, aimed at confirming that all subscribers enrolled in the Lifeline program through legacy processes (i.e., pre- National Verifier processes) meet the eligibility standards of the National Verifier.

Question	Answer
 Is recertification still based on anniversary dates? 	 No, the use of anniversary dates for recertification was eliminated by the <u>2019</u> <u>Lifeline Order</u>. Currently it serves to track when a consumer was initially enrolled. If they de-enroll and re-enroll, the anniversary date will reset.
	 When possible, USAC takes the last time a subscriber's eligibility was checked into consideration when initiating recertification.

Question	Answer
• When does the 2025 recertification process start?	 Starting Thursday, February 13, 2025, USAC began automated eligibility database checks to verify Lifeline subscribers due for recertification. These checks will be conducted daily throughout the year.
 How can I check the status of a subscriber's recertification? 	 You can review the Recertification Subscriber Status Report or the Failed Recertification De- Enroll Report.

Question	Answer
• How long do consumers have to complete recertification?	 Consumers will have approximately 60 days to complete recertification through a manual process after they are notified that they failed the automated database check.
• Why might a subscriber fail recertification?	• A subscriber may fail if they do not provide the necessary documents or if their application expires before being approved. If this happens, they will be de-enrolled within five business days of the application's expiration.

Question	Answer
• What are the different recertification application types and the methods available for recertifying?	 R-Application (RXXXXX-XXXX) Requires only the completion of the Recertification Form. Methods: Recertify by Mail Recertify Online (NV Consumer Portal) Recertify via Interactive Voice Response (IVR) D-Application (DXXXXX-XXXX) Requires completion of the Recertification Form and submission of proof documentation. Methods: Recertify by Mail Recertify online (NV Consumer Portal, NV Service Provider Portal, NV Eligibility Check API)

Resources

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USAC offers help and support in multiple ways.

- Visit USAC's <u>Recertification</u> page for information on the recertification process.
- Email <u>LifelineProgram@usac.org</u> for general technical support and additional information on processes, rules, and program requirements.



Thank You!

