

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> E-Rate Modernization Order:

## What it is and Why you should care

In 2014, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) issued the “2nd E-Rate Modernization Order” which outlined significant program changes. In addition to eliminating support for so-called “legacy systems” and phasing out support for telecommunications systems, the order eliminated the “Priority 1 and 2” funding structure. Under new program rules, schools and libraries in low poverty areas of the country have an opportunity to apply for and “win” E-Rate funds for eligible hardware purchases.

### TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORS, BUSINESS MANAGERS, AND OTHERS WITH PRIMARY E-RATE FILING OR COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Time: 1-2 hours

This session is designed for those with a general understanding of the E-Rate program. Topics covered include:

- Impact of the FCC’s temporary funding increase
- Changes in eligible services
- New discount calculations
- The shift from a “priority” based system to a “categorical” system and what it means to you
- Calculating your district or library “budget”

In addition we will discuss specific strategies for maximizing your E-Rate reimbursements, especially for Category Two hardware.

It is assumed that participants have a general understanding of the E-Rate program as evidenced by prior successful applications. An understanding of telecommunication and technology infrastructure is expected.

### For more information on NCCE’s E-Rate services:

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