

Applicant Eligibility Criteria and Methodology for Prioritizing Applications under the Keep Ukraine Connected Program

The first stage involves verifying whether the applicant meets the Program's basic (mandatory) requirements. At this stage, it is determined whether the application satisfies the eligibility criteria for further consideration.

The second stage involves assessing the priority of the application using a scoring system. The proposed criteria are intended to assist the Commission in objectively evaluating the applicant's level of need and determining the priority for the allocation of equipment.

However, the scoring system is not intended to serve as a mechanism for automatic decision-making. Rather, it functions as a tool to support the Commission's work, ensuring transparency, consistency, and a sound basis for the evaluation process. The Commission retains the authority to make the final decision collectively, taking into account the availability of equipment, current needs, and other circumstances relevant to achieving the Program's objectives.

1. Mandatory criteria for the admission of an application for consideration

Criterion	Yes/No
The applicant is a provider of electronic communications services and/or networks and is included in the NCEC Register, as evidenced by an extract and a registration number.	
The applicant submitted all necessary documents.	
The applicant's need aligns with the program's objectives.	

If an application fails to meet even one of the specified criteria, it will not be admitted to the second stage of evaluation.

2. Prioritization Assessment

Evaluation is conducted using a point-based system. The maximum possible score across all criteria is 100.

2.1. Scope of network damage (up to 20 points)

Criterion	Points
Territories of active hostilities or territories included in the List of territories where hostilities are taking place.	20
Territories systematically subjected to missile, artillery, or drone attacks.	15

De-occupied territory.	10
Another affected area.	5
Other territories.	0

2.2. Locality of the applicant's activities (up to 15 points)

Criterion	Points
The applicant carries out activities exclusively in territories of active combat operations and/or territories that are subject to systematic shelling.	15
In addition to the specified territories, the applicant carries out activities in no more than three other regions of Ukraine.	10
In addition to the specified territories, the applicant carries out activities in more than three other regions of Ukraine.	5

2.3. Scale of network damage (up to 20 points)

Criterion	Points
Complete destruction or loss of a network segment or equipment.	20
Significant damage to the network, requiring the replacement of core network elements.	15
Partial damage.	10
Regular repeated repairs.	5
Absence of confirmed damage.	0

2.4. Social importance of the network (up to 15 points)

Criterion	Points
Critical infrastructure facilities and the Armed Forces of Ukraine are being serviced.	15
Services for healthcare and educational institutions, and local government authorities.	10
Serving settlements with no alternative operators.	10
Servicing of other socially important facilities.	5
No confirmed criteria.	0

2.5. Level of criticality of the need (up to 15 points)

Criterion	Points
It is impossible to restore the connection without equipment.	15
Equipment needed to restore the network following recurring damage.	10
Equipment is required for an emergency reserve for critical sections of the network.	5

2.6. Justification of the technical need (up to 15 points)

Criterion	Points
The technical request fully corresponds to the stated need.	15
The technical request partially meets the stated need.	10
The technical request requires adjustment in accordance with the stated need.	5

Rules for Applying the Methodology

1. Each criterion is evaluated separately.
2. Within one criterion, only one (most relevant) score is applied.
3. The total score is used exclusively for determining the priority of application.
4. An identical number of points does not automatically mean the same order for receiving assistance.
5. The Commission has the right to take into account additional circumstances in accordance with the Regulation.
6. The final decision is made by the Commission collectively, taking into account the availability of equipment, its technical feasibility, current needs, and other circumstances relevant to achieving the objectives of the Program.