

2.5 GHz Tribal Priority Window

A Practical Guide to Applying

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Who is eligible

- Any federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native Village or a consortia of federally recognized Tribes or Alaskan Native Villages on rural Tribal lands
 - Includes Hawaiian Home Lands
 - Rural means it is not part of a Census-defined urbanized area or an urban cluster with 50,000 or greater population
 - Includes certain off-reservation lands previously designated by the Commission as eligible Tribal lands under FCC rules
- Communications providers and other entities that provide communications that are owned and controlled by federally-recognized Tribes or a consortium of such Tribes.
- Tribal Colleges and Universities
- Local presence

When does the window open

- The Tribal Priority Window will open on Feb. 3, 2020
- The Window will close on August 3, 2020
- Do not miss the filing window
- Important to note: The Tribal window includes only unassigned EBS spectrum
- FCC Mapping Tool to determine eligibility

<https://www.fcc.gov/25-ghz-rural-tribal-window>

What is the application process

- Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will announce procedures for the Tribal priority window through Public Notices
- ONAP, NCAI and a number of sources will be doing outreach to ensure potentially eligible Tribal applicants are of the specific requirements.
- FCC has not released specific procedures but based on past experiences:
 - General licensing
 - FCC Registration Number (FRN)
 - Electronic application process in the Universal Licensing System (ULS)
 - Proof of qualifying ownership
 - LPFM context
 - FCC Form 318

What are the requirements

- Build out requirements include:
 - 50 percent population coverage within 2 years
 - 80 percent coverage within 5 years
- Penalties include loss of license and accelerated build out timelines (4 years)

Questions or Comments?

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