One Portal and Multi-Factor Authentication/ E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC)

One Portal – Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

In order to complete online E-Rate forms, the user must have an account and be set up in the USAC master online system, One Portal, with multi-factor authentication (MFA). MFA is required to comply with federal security requirements. After entering One Portal, the user may access the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) Portal.

The One Portal MFA requires the user to enter two or more separate pieces of information, such as a user password and a validation code that is e-mailed or texted to the user, in order to gain access to the USAC online filing systems.

The set-up process requires several steps that are illustrated in the One Portal/MFA Set Up Guide that is part of this Resource Manual.

Notes:

- Technical Hints: Before you begin:
 - ✓ Be sure to use a Chrome or Firefox browser
 - ✓ Disable all privacy features (such as EFF Privacy Badger)

If you are not currently an EPC or BEAR authorized user (meaning your e-mail address isn't in the USAC system), or if you experience problems setting up your One Portal account, call CSB at 888-203-8100.

E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC)

The E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) is the account and application management portal for the Schools and Libraries (E-Rate) Program that was introduced in FY 2016. Applicants, consultants, and service providers participating in the E-Rate Program must use this system to submit forms, manage program processes and to submit questions via customer service cases.

The Form 470, Form 471, Form 486, Form 472, Form 500 and Form 498, and all post-commitment functions such as SPIN changes, service substitutions and appeals, are submitted within each applicant's EPC portal.

Each applicant's portal is managed by their School or Library's Account Administrator (AA). Only the AA can create new users for the school or library, reassign the AA responsibility to another user within the organization, and set up user permissions to file and/or certify various forms.

If you are not sure whether your organization's EPC portal has been set up, contact the Customer Support Center at 888-203-8100 to ask. The following documents in this Resource Manual contain the specific instructions for how to set up your EPC portal, including the following tasks:

- One Portal MFA Set Up Guide
- How to Log-In to EPC

- How to Reset your EPC Password
- How to Change Account Administrators (only AA can do)
- How to Create New EPC Users and Change User Permissions (only AA can do)
- How to Link to a Consortium
- How to Add a Consulting Firm (only AA can do)
- How to Update Building Entity Data

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One Portal MultiFactor Authentication Set Up Guide



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One Porta Basics

- USAC has created One Portal, a log-in system to create better security with multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- All users will log in to One Portal to enter EPC, accessible by clicking on the blue **Sign In** button at the top of the main page of the USAC website.

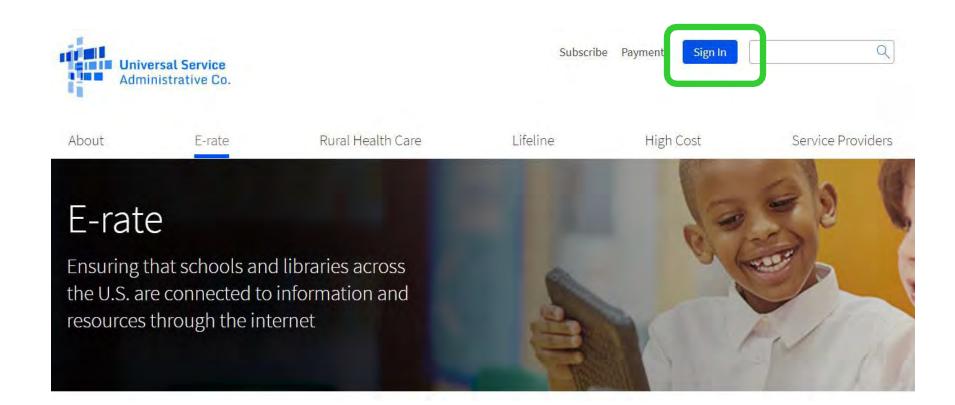


- MFA is required to comply with federal electronic security requirements.
- Two forms of authentication are required before you can access EPC.

One Portal Set-Up

- A multi-step process is required to initially set up your One Portal account and establish your MFA validation options.
- Before you begin:
 - Be sure to use Chrome or Firefox browsers
 - Disable all privacy features
- If you are not currently an EPC or BEAR authorized user (meaning your e-mail address isn't in the USAC system), or if you experience problems setting up your One Portal account, call the E-rate Customer Service Center at 888-203-8100.

Logging in to One Portal (1P)





- This screen will appear each time you log in to One Portal.
- Click Continue:

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The first time you sign into an application, the system will prompt you to set up MFA for your account. To do this:

- 1. Click the blue Continue button below
- 2. Click the Forgot Password link.
- 3. Enter your Username (your email address) and click Reset via Email.
- When you receive the email, click the link to create a password. Your password must be at least eight characters long and include one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, one number, and one special character.
- 5. Accept the system's terms of use and click Sign In.
- 6. On the next page, confirm the email associated with your account and click Send Email.
- Check your email for a verification code.
- 8. Enter the code and click Verify.

After logging in, you will see USAC's new single portal application dashboard if you have access to more than one application. On this page you can access all of the USF applications associated with your log in. This means users no longer have to sign into multiple applications to interact with different USF programs.

From the dashboard, you can visit the "Settings" page to add a cell phone number to your account. This will allow you to receive verification codes via either email or text message when you log in in the future.

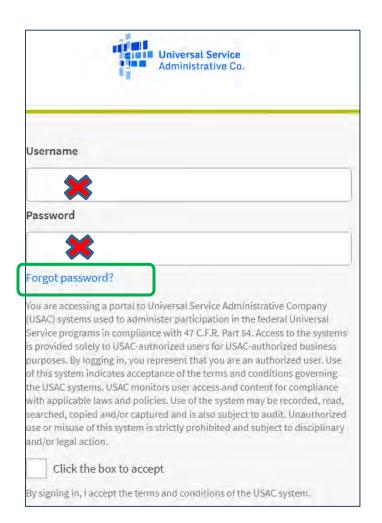
To learn more about USAC's MFA and to find a list of all USF IT applications included in the single portal, visit USAC's website. If you cannot access the email associated with your account and need to set up a new log in, please contact your organization's USF administrator. If you need to reset your password, click the "forgot password" link. More detailed instructions are available in this video.

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Click Forgot Password –

Do <u>not</u> enter Username/Password



Initial Set-Up

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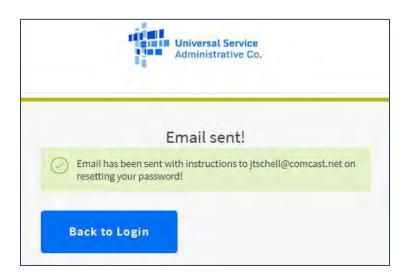
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Enter EPC Username which is the e-mail address you normally use to log into EPC (and the BEAR system). Reset Password

Username

Reset via Email

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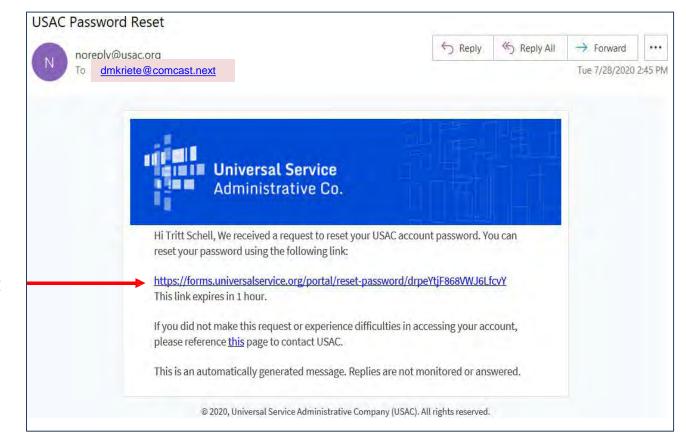


Message will display indicating you have been sent an e-mail with instructions for resetting your password. Next step:

Check your e-mail!



Check e-mail for a USAC Password Reset message from noreply@usac.org. Link in message will only be valid for 1 hour.



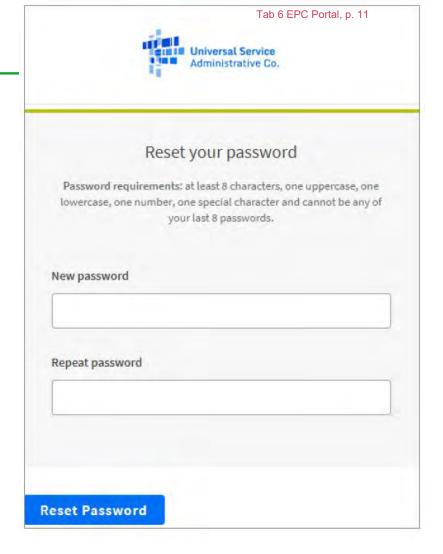
Click on link:



Enter desired password and repeat.

Requirements:

- At least 8 characters
- One uppercase
- One lowercase
- One special character
- Cannot be any of your last 8 passwords

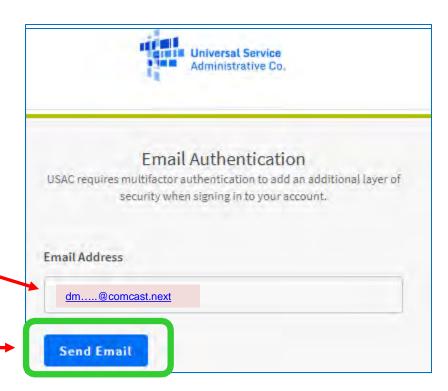


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System will now authenticate your email address.

Note: e-mail address is pre-populated in text box (only a portion will be shown).

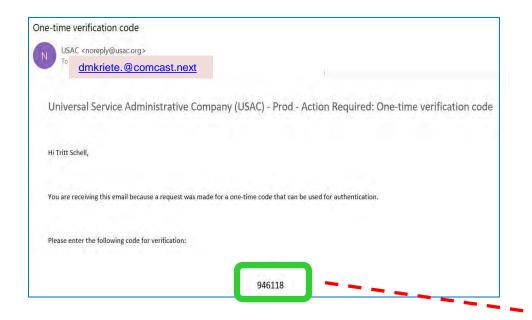
Click Send E-mail to have the authentication code sent to your e-mail address.



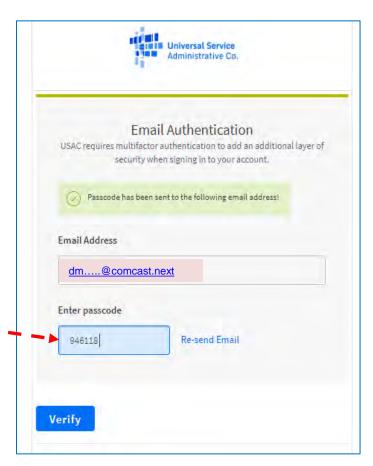
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Next: Check your e-mail for a verification

code. E-mail will look like this:



Next: Enter the verification code and click Verify.



Dashboard: You're In!



Dashboard

Upcoming Dates

10/15 EPC Administrative Window Opens

10/16 Fall Training: Category Two (C2) Budgets Webinar

10/21 Fall Training:
The EPC
Administrative
Window
Webinar

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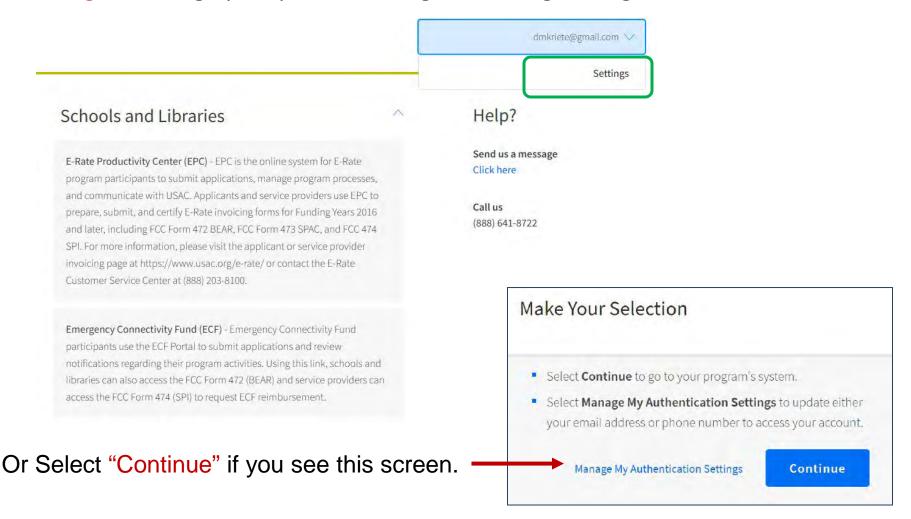
Schools and Libraries

E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) - EPC is the online system for E-Rate program participants to submit applications, manage program processes, and communicate with USAC. Applicants and service providers use EPC to prepare, submit, and certify E-Rate invoicing forms for Funding Years 2016 and later, including FCC Form 472 BEAR, FCC Form 473 SPAC, and FCC 474 SPI. For more information, please visit the applicant or service provider invoicing page at https://www.usac.org/e-rate/or.contact the E-Rate Customer Service Center at (888) 203-8100.

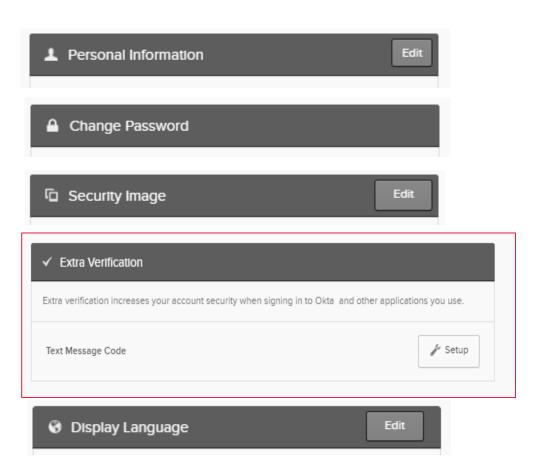
Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) - Emergency Connectivity Fund participants use the ECF Portal to submit applications and review notifications regarding their program activities. Using this link, schools and libraries can also access the FCC Form 472 (BEAR) and service providers can access the FCC Form 474 (SPI) to request ECF reimbursement.



Click your Username (email address) in the top right corner of Dashboard, then Settings to change your profile/settings, including adding text authentication.



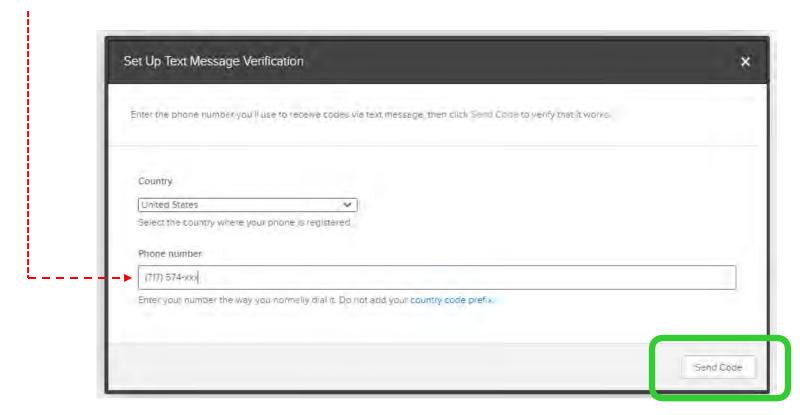
Updating Settings/Profile



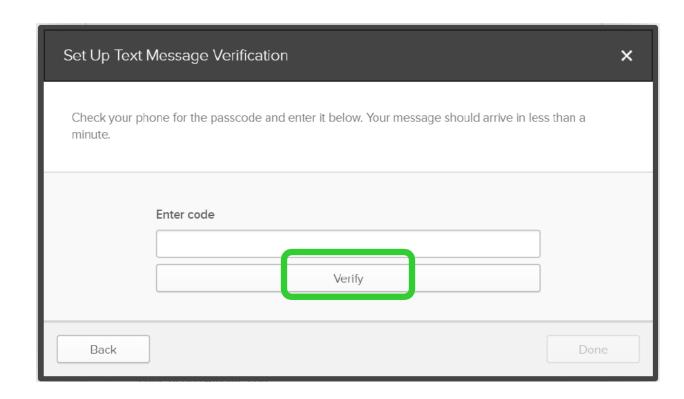
On this page, you can add or modify any of these items.

To add the option of receiving verification codes via text to your cell phone, click on Extra Verification, then Setup.

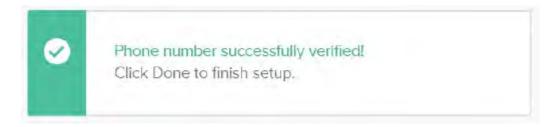
Enter your cell phone number, then click Send Code. A validation code will immediately be sent via text.



Enter the code you received, then click Verify.



You'll receive this message if your code was validated. Click Done.



An e-mail confirmation will be sent, confirming that you've successfully entered an additional MFA option.



Adding Additional E-mail Addres MFA

- You can also choose to receive verification codes to an e-mail address that is different from your account login username email address and/or include a second e-mail address MFA option.
 - This will not change the username address you use to log in to One Portal.
- Go to Personal Information on the Settings page and click Edit



Döne Lögging-In to One Portal

From now on, to get to One Portal (for either EPC or BEARs), go to either:

https://forms.universalservice.org/portal/login
or
Click on Sign In from SLD Home Page

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Subscribe Payments Sign In

Logging-In to One Portal

First screen will always look like this. Click Continue to proceed to the login screen.

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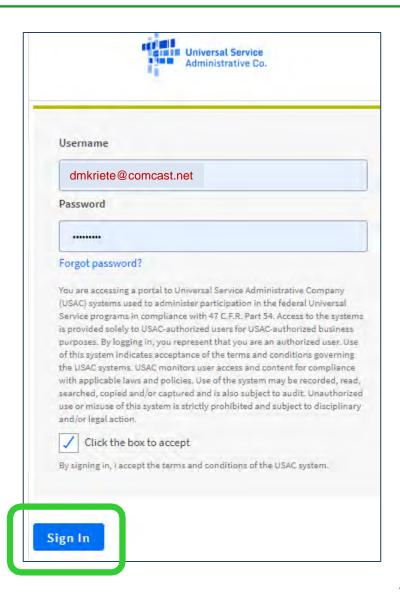
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Logging-In to One Portal

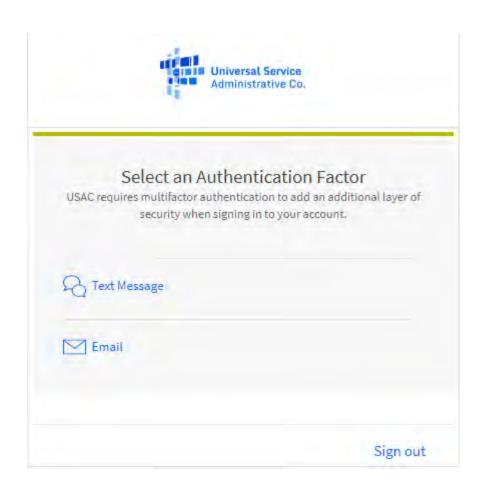
Enter your credentials, and click Sign In:



Logging-In to One Portal

Choose which method you'd like to use to authenticate your visit to One Portal, then check your phone or email for the verification code.

Note: the choices shown will vary based on how you set up your account.



E-Rate Productivity Center: Administrative How-To Guide

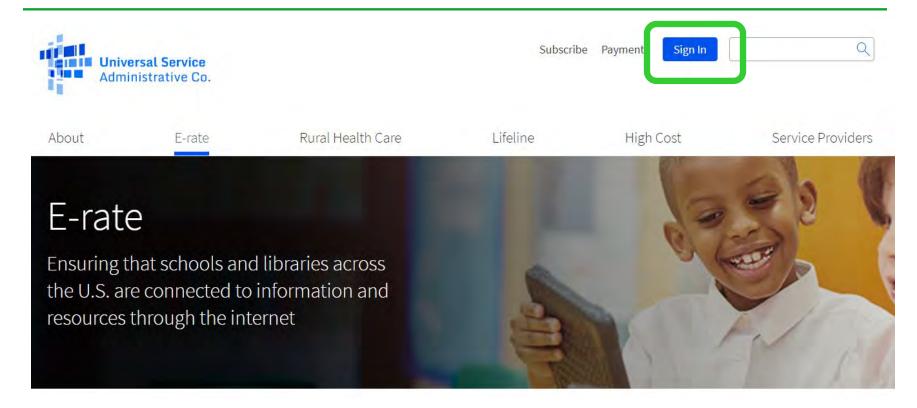


- ✓ How to Log-In to One-Portal/EPC (slide 2)
- ✓ How to Reset your EPC Password (slide 6)
- ✓ How to Change Account Administrators (only AA can do) (slide 9)
- ✓ How to Create New EPC Users (only AA can do) (slide 16)
- ✓ How to Change User Permissions (only AA can do) (slide 24)
- ✓ How to Remove User from Your EPC Account (slide 26)
- ✓ How to Remove Consultant User from Your EPC Account (slide 30)

How to Log into One Portal

For instructions on how to set up your One Portal Account, see One Portal/MFA Set Up Guide

Logging in to One Portal (1P)



Intro Screen

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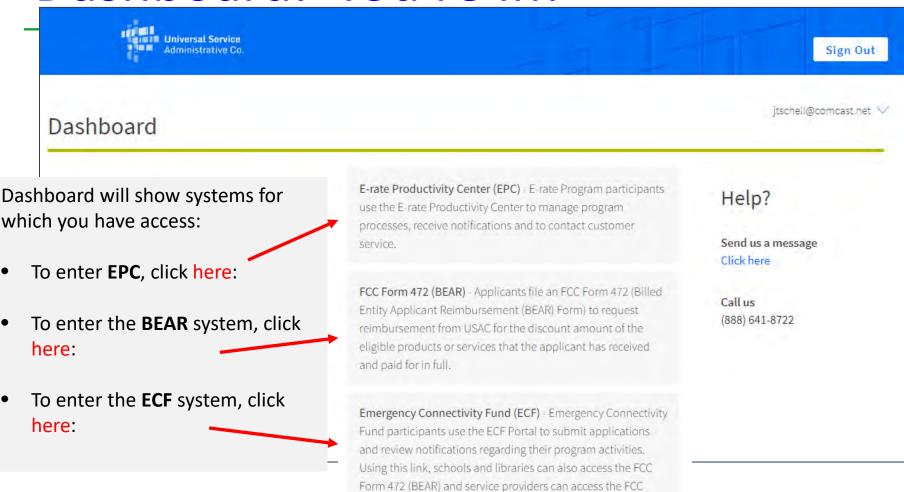
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Dashboard: You're In!



Form 474 (SPI) to request ECF reimbursement.

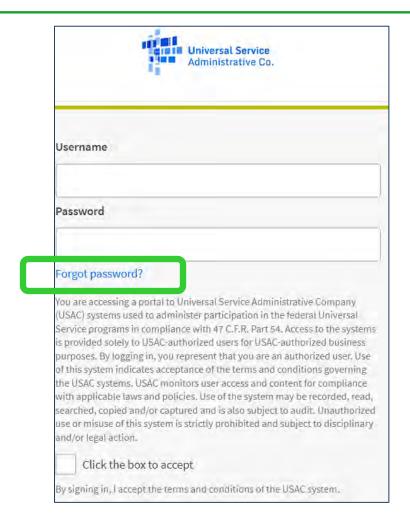
How to Set or Reset One Portal Password

Can't Remember Your Password?

Passwords are only valid for 60 days.

Click Forgot Password – The system will e-mail you a temporary link to reset your password.

If no e-mail is received, it means that you are not yet set up in One Portal and must contact USAC at 888-203-8100 for assistance.



How to Set or Reset EPC Password

- Passwords must meet all of the following criteria:
 - Contains at least 8 characters
 - Has not been used in the previous 4 passwords
 - Contains at least 1 character of the English alphabet
 - Contains at least 1 number (0-9)
 - Contains at least 1 non-alphabetic character (such as !, &, #, %)
 - Contains at least 1 uppercase character (A Z)
 - Contains at least 1 lowercase character (a z)

How to Change EPC Account Administrators

Basics:

- The AA must be school or library employee (not consultants)
- There is only one AA per organization
- AAs first must be set up as "Users" in EPC
- Only AAs or USAC can transfer their AA status to another User

Next Steps:

There are specific steps to updating an organization's AA, depending on the situation. Select the appropriate situation from the next few slides to see the required steps for updating the AA.

How to Change Account Administrators

Situation A

The *previous* AA is still at the school or library (or if you can still ask them to do it even though they no longer work there),

and...

The new AA is already a User in EPC

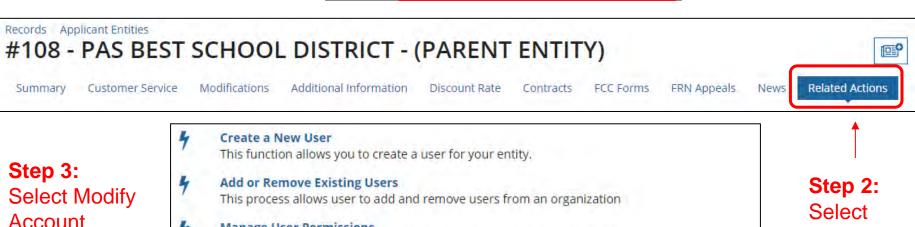
Instructions:

- 1. The current AA logs into their EPC account
- Selects > Name of Entity on Landing Page > Related Actions > Modify Account Administrator and selects the User that should be the new AA

How to Change Account Administrators

Situation A





Select Modify
Account
Administrator

Manage User Permissions
This function allows you manage the permissions for one or more users.

Manage Organization
This function allows you to update information about an entity or BEN.

Modify Account Administrator
This process allows you to transfer the Account Administrator function to another individual.

Related

Actions

How to Change Account Administrators

Situation B

The previous AA is still at the school or library (or is no longer there but they are willing to access their EPC account to help perform these tasks),

and...

The new AA is not already a User in EPC

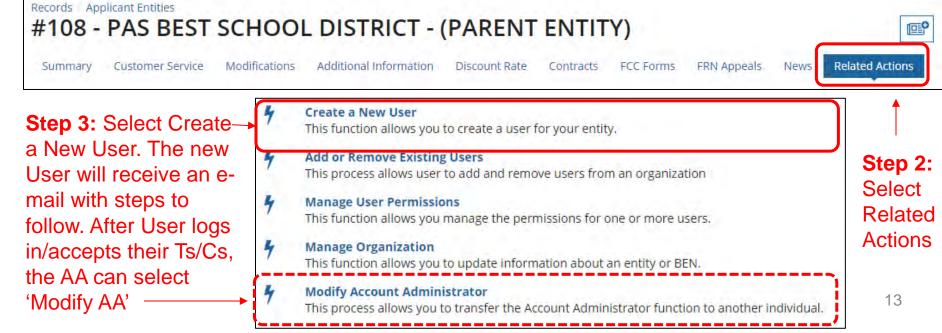
Instructions:

- 1. The current AA logs into their EPC account
- 2. Selects > Name of Entity on Landing Page > Related Actions > Create New User and enters the new user's information (including giving them Full Rights to all the forms)
- 3. The EPC system will then send an automated e-mail to the New User asking them to log-in to EPC, establish their password (by clicking "Forgot Password"), and accept their EPC Terms and Conditions in EPC
 - Note: This is different than the log-in Ts & Cs
- 4. After the New User has logged into EPC and accepted their Ts & Cs, the New User will appear in EPC as a user for that entity
- 5. Current AA can then select > Related Actions > Modify Account Administrator and selects the New User that should be the new AA

How to Change Account Administrators

Situation B





How to Change Account Administrators

Situation C

The current AA is no longer at the school or library and no one has access to their EPC account

Instructions:

- 1. New AA must contact USAC's Customer Support Center (CSC) for assistance at 888-203-8100
- 2. CSC will ask New AA for contact information and will have the New AA send the CSC rep the following information from their school or library's e-mail account:

"I am writing to ask to be set up as the new Account Administrator in our EPC Portal. The previous AA has left the organization."

- Name:
- Title:
- Billed Entity Number (BEN):
- Organization:
- Address:
- Phone:
- E-mail:

How to Change Account Administrators

- 3. USAC will then establish the New AA as a "User" in the entity's EPC portal
- 4. The EPC system will send an e-mail with a link to log into their EPC account
 - The log-in page will require the New AA to set up their EPC password which is done by clicking on the "Forgot Password" link
- 5. Please note that the Terms/Conditions that must be accepted in the portal are not the same as accepting the password terms/conditions.
- 6. After logging in to EPC, the New AA will accept the Terms and Conditions
 - Note: These T/Cs are different than the password T/Cs
- 7. The new AA will contact CSB again to let them know this has been done and ask CSC to designate them as the official Account Administrator

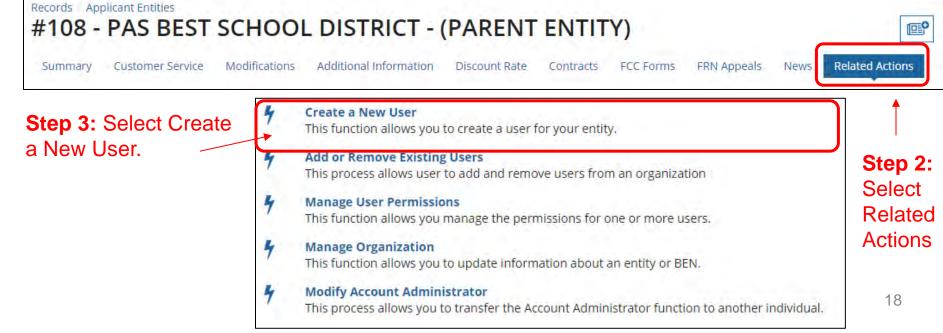
Basics:

- Only AAs can create EPC Users for their organization (BEN)
- There can be multiple Users in an organization
- Every User must have a distinct EPC ID (e-mail address)
- If a person is a User in more than one organization (BEN), they must have a different e-mail address for each organization
- Only AAs can assign User Rights

Instructions:

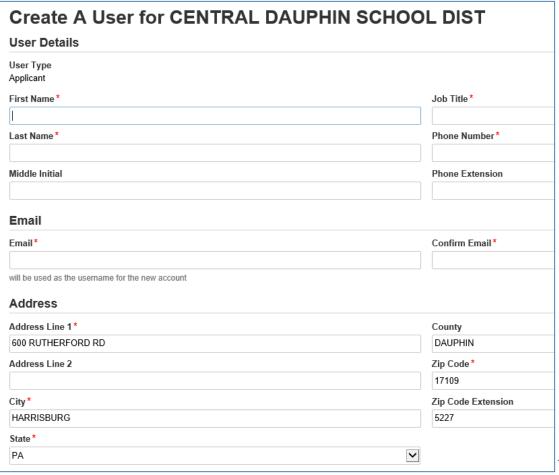
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 - Note: This is different than the log-in Ts & Cs
- 4. After the New User clicks on the link in the e-mail, they only have 15 minutes to set up their One Portal account.
- After the New User has logged into One Portal, is in EPC and accepted their Ts & Cs, the New User will appear in EPC as a user for that entity



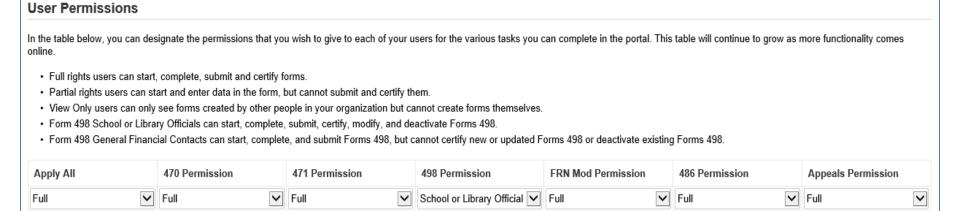


AA will complete the information form for the New

User



- AA will assign the New User their EPC Permissions
 - Full: can enter data and submit forms use this one
 - Partial: can enter data, but can't submit forms
 - View only: can only look at forms



Newly created user will receive an e-mail from USAC that looks like this:

From: portal@usac.org <portal@usac.org > On Behalf Of EPC Application Administrator

Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 3:03 PM

To: XXXXXXXXXX

Subject: USAC EPC - Account Creation



Hello,

They must click on this link, create their EPC password, then log into EPC and accept their Terms and Conditions

Your USAC E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) account has been created with the username: XXXXXXXXX. To log in with your new username, navigate to https://portal.usac.org/suite/tempo, and then select the Forgot Password option and follow the directions. You will also receive a separate email shortly from USAC called, "New Task: Complete Terms and Conditions." This email is a reminder that you must first accept USAC's Terms and Conditions before you can get access to the features within EPC.

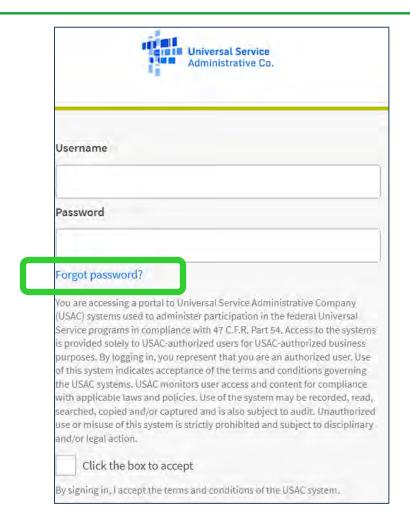
If you have any questions about your account, please contact USAC's Client Service Bureau at (888) 203-8100. Thank you,

Universal Service Administrative Co.

Establishing New User's Password

Don't enter Username or Password.

Click Forgot Password – The system will e-mail you a temporary link to reset your password.



 After creating their password, new EPC users will log into EPC, and then must accept the Terms and Conditions which is found under Tasks:



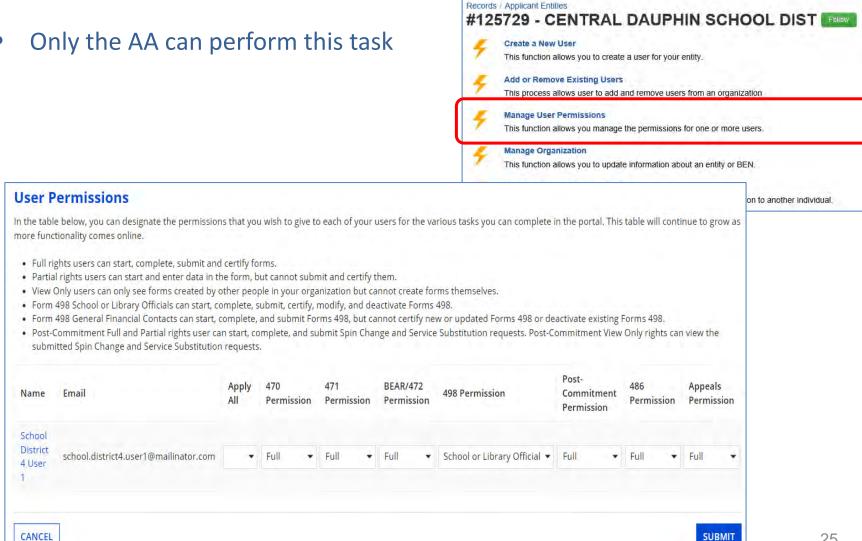


Step 3: Scroll to the bottom of the Agreement and click "Agree"

How to Change Users' Permissions

How to Change Users' Permissions

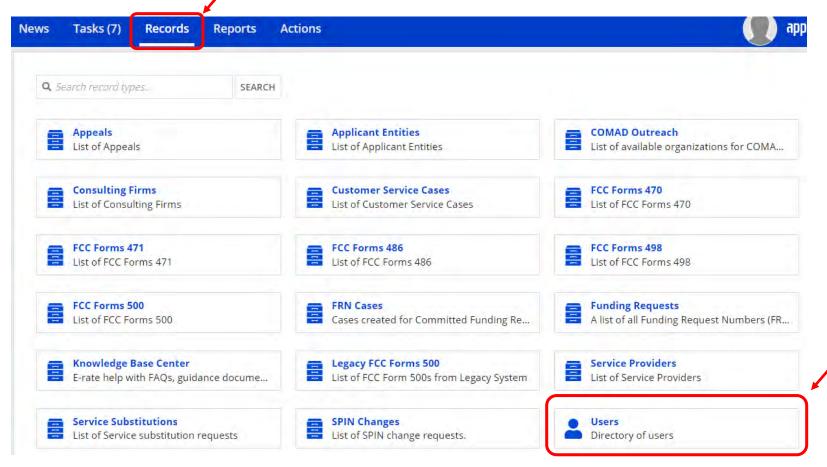
Only the AA can perform this task



How to Remove a User from Entity's EPC Account

How to Remove User from EPC Portal, p. 51 Account

- Only the AA can perform this task
- Select "Records" from toolbar at top of EPC Landing Page. Then "Users"



How to Remove User from EPC Portal, p. 52 Account

Type in first or last name of EPC User, then Search

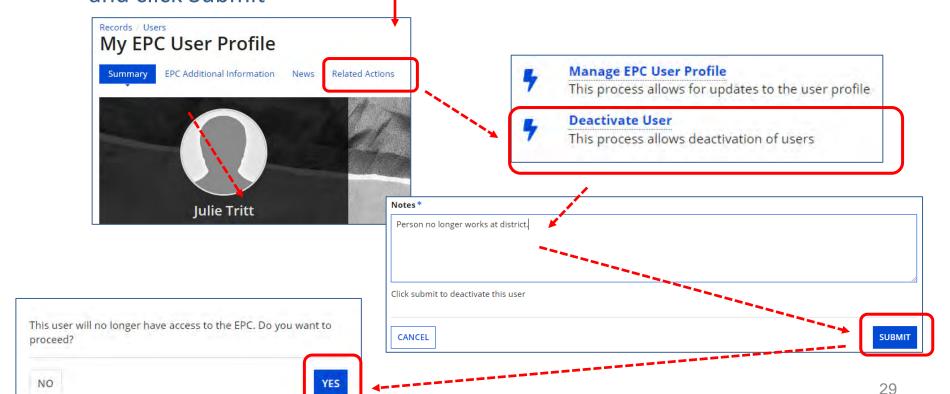


Then click on the User's Name that you wish to remove



How to Remove User from EPC Portal, p. 53 Account

- Next, you will see the User's Profile screen. Select "Related Actions", then "Deactivate User"
- Then enter a sentence that explains why that they should be removed,
 and click Submit



How to Remove a Consultant User from Your EPC Account

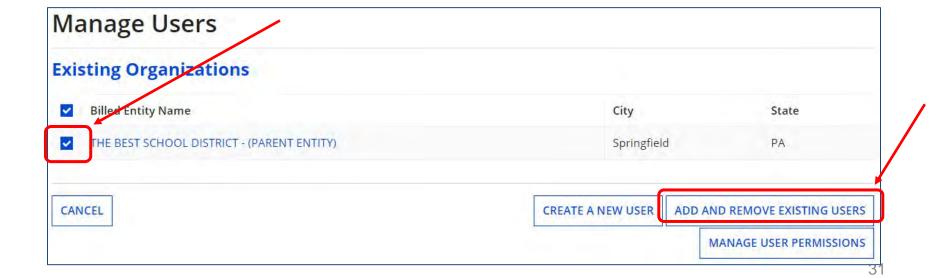
How to Remove Consultant User

- Only the AA can perform this task
- Select "Manage Users" from EPC Landing Page (shortcuts), select name of the organization, then "Add and Remove Existing Users"

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Funding Request Report | FCC Form 470 | FCC Form 471 | FCC Form 486 | Appeal |

IDD Extension | FCC Form 500 | SPIN Change | Service Substitution | Manage Users |

| Manage Organizations | USAC Website | Contact Us | Help
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How to Remove Consultant User

Click X in last column to remove Consultant User

Consultant Permissions										
Name	Email	470 Permission	471 Permission	BEAR/472 Permission	498 Permission	Post- Commitment Permission	486 Permission	Appeals Permission	Active	Click X to Remove
John Smith	johnsmith414@yahoo.com	Full	Full	Full	No Access	Full	Full	Full	Yes	×

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