

Fibre roll-out to New Housing developments

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This was because that was the cut-off point under a European State Aid ruling for which premises could and could not be included in our eligible intervention area. The 'intervention area' is the legally defined area where we are permitted to invest public funding in compliance with European State Aid legislation.

This was defined at the beginning of the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband contract in 2012 using known postcode data as at 2011.

However given the length of the programme, we have been looking at ways to legitimately extend the build into areas that previously would not have received fibre broadband. We have found a way meaning that some new developments, built after 2011, may now benefit from deployment.

To see if you will benefit under the DSSB programme please visit:
www.scotlandsuperfast.com/where-when

If you live in a newly built house that doesn't receive fibre broadband and is not planned to be covered by the DSSB programme, then there are other options available to help you get faster broadband. These are:

- Better Broadband Scheme - For anybody in Scotland without access to at least 2Mbps internet connectivity, either now or in the next 12 months, there is now the opportunity to apply for the Better Broadband Scheme. You can find more information on this and how to apply here: www.scotlandsuperfast.com/where-when/the-programme/better-broadband-scheme
- Openreach have also published information for new build property owners and developers which can be found here: www.newdevelopments-openreach.co.uk
- Virgin Media have a New Developments department. Their contact information is: 0800 408 0088 or new.developments@virginmedia.co.uk
- Reaching 100% - The Scottish Government have made a commitment that the whole of Scotland should have superfast broadband available to them by 2021. The early stages of procurement for this programme are currently underway.





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