

# iCanConnect

The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

Sending an email or chatting on the phone can be challenging for people with both significant vision and hearing loss. iCanConnect is a national program that provides free equipment and training to help people stay connected with friends, family, and the world.



iCanConnect provides equipment including smartphones, tablets, computers, screen readers, braille equipment, and software to people with significant combined vision and hearing loss who meet federal income and disability guidelines.

iCanConnect is available in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands. Each has its own contact.

Find your local iCanConnect contact at  
[www.iCanConnect.org](http://www.iCanConnect.org) or 800-825-4595

iCanConnect was established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and is also known as the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP).

## To be eligible for iCanConnect, you must have both significant vision and hearing loss, and provide the following:

- A disability verification form signed by a professional that attests that your combined hearing and vision loss meets iCanConnect's disability guidelines. Examples of professionals include: a community service provider, educator, healthcare provider, vision or hearing professional, vocational rehabilitation counselor, and medical or health professional.
- Proof that you meet iCanConnect's income guidelines. You are automatically income eligible with current proof of participation in a number of federal low-income assistance programs. Otherwise, you must provide documentation of all household income.

Your local iCanConnect program will let you know if you qualify.

Once you are accepted into iCanConnect, you will meet with a specialist who will assess your needs and help you identify the equipment that is right for you. They will also install and provide training so you can send email, make phone calls, access the Internet, video chat and more.



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