ACTION ITEM – COMPLETE ERATE FCC FORM 498 TO RECEIVE ERATE PAYMENTS JULY 1, 2016

Starting July 1, 2016, USAC will issue E-rate reimbursement payments electronically directly to the applicant school or library. E-rate Applicants MUST complete an FCC Form 498, Service Provider and Billed Entity Identification Number and Contact Information Form, to provide USAC with their banking account information so that USAC can electronically deposit funds in their accounts.

This form must be submitted and processed before USAC can make direct payments.

STEP 1 – YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE A USER IN YOUR EPC PORTAL for the person who manages the finances at your school or library.

The General Financial Contact for your school district must be added as a user in EPC

To create the user, login to your EPC portal,

http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/e-rate-productivity-center/default.aspx

Once logged in, Click on reports (top menu), then my landing page

Choose your district name - first name listed

At the top right of the screen, select "create a new user"

Fill in the information on the screen to enter the new user and submit

Once the user has been created, they will need to respond to the auto-generated emails and login to the EPC portal plus change their password.

<u>They will receive a 3rd email from USAC that will ask the user to "AGREE" to</u> everything. Once they have agreed, then their name will show up in your portal.

The new user will need to notify you that this step has completed BEFORE you can complete the 498.

For information on adding users, see:

http://www.usac.org/sl/about/outreach/videos/EPC-Creating-a-New-User.aspx

STEP 2- MANAGE THE USER RIGHTS FOR YOUR GENERAL FINANCIAL CONTACT.

After your general financial contact has successfully accessed the portal AND agreed to the terms, your next step is to assign them rights.

To assign rights to the user, login to your EPC portal, click on reports, my landing page Choose your district name – first name listed

At the top right of the screen, select "manage users"

Review the rights assigned to your users and then submit your changes

- -> Assign the general financial contact full rights AND access to the FCC Form 498.
- -> ALSO make sure that YOU have rights to the FCC Form 498.

(note - the system will not allow you to assign Form 498 rights to consultants)

http://www.usac.org/sl/about/outreach/videos/EPC-Managing-User-Permissions.aspx

STEP 3- GATHER THE DATA YOU WILL NEED:

1. Your Federal ID

2. Your DUNS number

First, check to see if you already have a DUNS number. You can check by searching the online D-U-N-S database website or by calling (866) 705-5711.

The EASIEST way is to call 866-705-5711. You'll need to provide the caller with your home address (not work address) so they can verify you are a real person. If you have moved within 2 years, you may need to also provide your previous home address. Once they validate that you are who you say you are, you can receive the number. (any school or library employee can request the number - Dun & Bradstreet simply needs to confirm you are who you say you are).

If you do not already have a DUNS number, you can apply for one through the <u>Dun & Bradstreet website</u>. (Dun and Bradstreet will issue a DUNS number without charge to an entity required to register with the federal government for contracts or grants)

STEP 4- COMPLETE THE FORM 498:

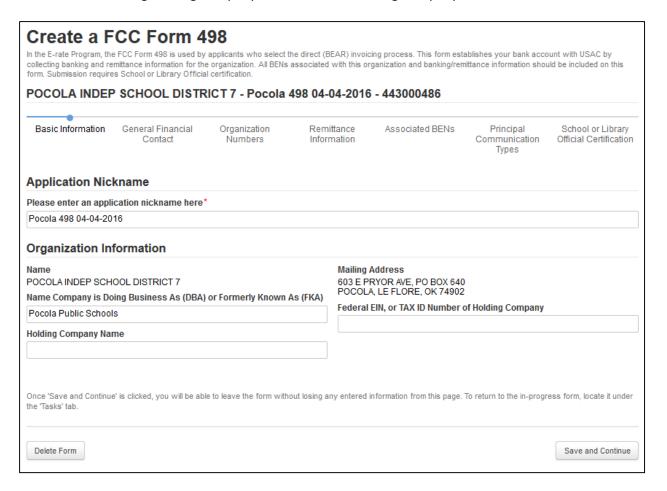
To access Form 498:

- 1. Login to your EPC portal.
- 2. Click on Reports from the top menu
- 3. Click on My Landing Page
- 4. Click on the name of your school district or library system (usually the first entity listed under "my entities"
- 5. On the left hand menu, under Summary, click on "Related Actions"
- 6. Click on "Create FCC Form 498"
 - a. If you do not see the FCC Form 498 on the menu, then you need to go back to step 2 and assign yourself rights to access the FCC Form 498.

Complete the form:

 1^{st} screen – enter a nickname for your application. This can be any short name you choose to identify the application.

Note: Leaving Holding Company & Federal ID of Holding Company blank

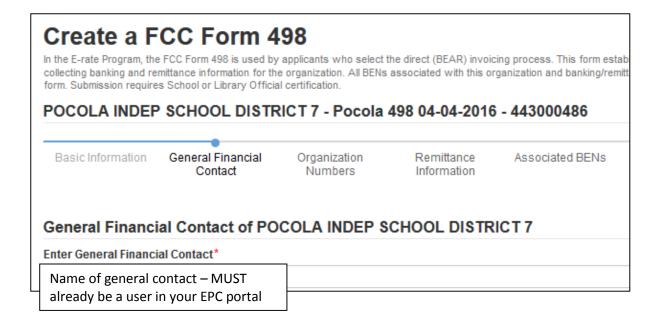


On the next screen, start typing the name of the person who is the general financial contact. They must ALREADY be entered as a user in your EPC portal. If you have not yet set this person up as a user in your portal, you'll need to first add them as a user.

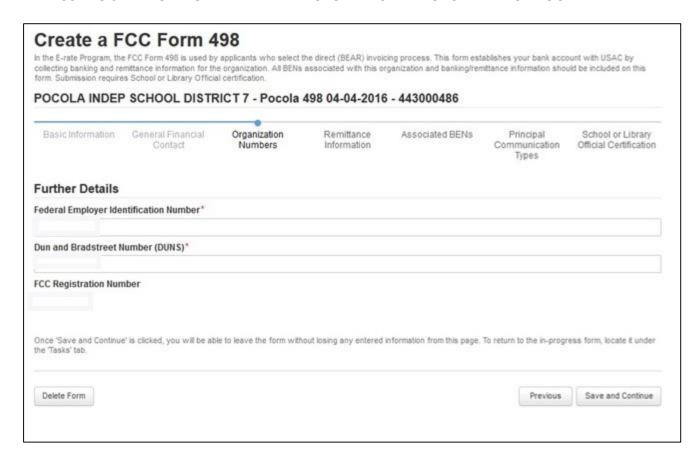
ALSO don't forget that once you add a user, they are not active until they login and accept the user terms & conditions.

For information on adding users, see:

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NEXT STEP IS TO ENTER YOUR FEDERAL ID NUMBER AND YOUR DUNS NUMBER THE FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY POPULATED FOR YOU.



ADVANCE TO THE NEXT SCREEN:

- A. CLICK ON YES TO MAKE THE REMITTANCE CONTACT THE SAME AS THE GENERAL FINANCIAL CONTACT
- B. =OR= ENTER INFORMATION FOR A DIFFERENT PERSON WHO WILL SERVE AS THE REMITTANCE CONTACT.

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POCOLA INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT 7 - Pocola 498 04-04-2016 - 443000486							
Basic Information	General Financial Contact	Organization Numbers	Remittance Information	Associated BENs	Principal Communication Types	School or Library Official Certification	
Remittance Contact							
Is the Remittance Contact the same as the General Financial Contact? Yes Contact Information							
Contact Information							
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Last Name*			Phone I	Phone Number Extension			
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Once 'Save and Continue' is clicked, you will be able to leave the form without losing any entered information from this page. To return to the in-progress form, locate it under the 'Tasks' tab.							
Delete Form					Previous	Save and Continue	

THE NEXT 2 SCREENS ARE INFORMATIONAL ONLY - USUALLY NO CHANGES ARE NECESSARY

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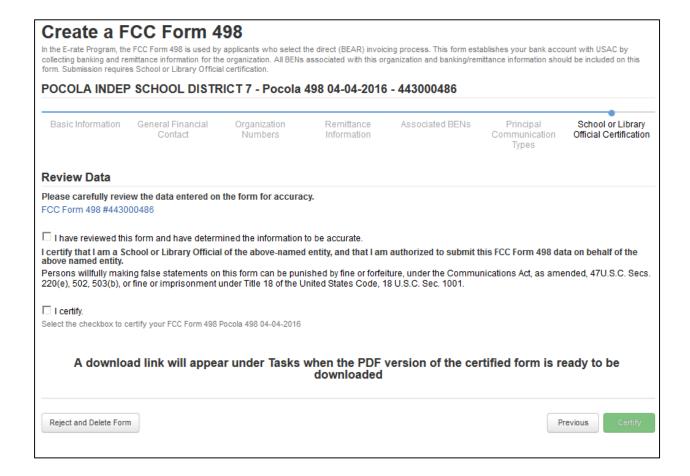
LAST SCREEN IS THE CERTIFICATION PAGE.

CLICK ON THE HOT LINK TO REVIEW YOUR DRAFT FORM 498. MAKE SURE THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

THEN PROCEED BY CLICKING "I HAVE REVIEWED..."

AND CLICK "I CERTIFY"

FINISH BY CLICKING "CERTIFY" IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER



WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ABOVE STEPS, PLEASE SEND YOUR ACCOUNT MANAGER A COPY OF YOUR PRINTED FORM 498 FOR OUR RECORDS.

VERY IMPORTANT: IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES TO THE INFORMATION IN YOUR FORM 498 IN THE FUTURE, YOU WILL NEED TO RESUBMIT AND UPDATED 498.

For further details see:

https://usac.org/sl/applicants/step06/obtain-an-applicant-498-id.aspx