



Post Office[®] Broadband

Fair & Acceptable Use Policy

1. About this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy

This fair & acceptable use policy ("**Fair & Acceptable Use Policy**") sets out the standards of conduct that you are required to meet when you use Post Office Limited's broadband service ("**Post Office Broadband**"), and the usage guidelines we have set to ensure that all Post Office Broadband users have access to a fast and reliable service. This Fair & Acceptable Use Policy applies to all Post Office Broadband customers, and forms part of and is incorporated into the Agreement for Post Office Broadband (the "**Agreement**").

We may change this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy at any time. Section 16 (Changes to this Agreement) of Post Office HomePhone and Post Office Broadband Terms and Conditions will apply to any changes to this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy.

Please contact our Customer Services if you have any questions about this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy or if you wish to notify us of a breach of this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy. The contact details for our Customer Services are set out in section 1 (Introduction) of the Agreement.

2. Usage Guidelines

A small number of customers use peer-to-peer file sharing services to upload and download files, such as music and videos, containing very large amounts of data. Please be aware that uploading and downloading copyright files such as music and films without the consent of the copyright owner is unlawful. Those copyright owners are able to seek court orders for us to disclose your details to them.

Uploading and downloading files uses a lot of network capacity and we will monitor usage by looking at a number of factors including the amount of time excessive usage continues as well as the bandwidth used.

The systems that are used to provide Post Office Broadband can identify very high bandwidth users and those using peer-to-peer file sharing services.

2.1 Key terms for Post Office Broadband Essential customers (No longer available for new customers)

Post Office Broadband Essential customers are limited to a monthly usage limit of **10GB** (the "**Usage Limit**"). For the purposes of the definition of Usage Limit, "usage" is defined as data uploaded and downloaded. We will monitor the level of your usage approximately every four hours. We will contact you if you are getting close to exceeding your Usage Limit. If you exceed your Usage Limit in any given month, you may be charged for any such additional usage as set out in the Price Lists at postoffice.co.uk/broadband-phone/prices

We will also contact you if you have exceeded your Usage Limit so you are aware of any potential charges. Post Office Broadband reserves the right to limit or restrict access to the Post Office Broadband service in the event that the Usage Limit is exceeded.

You can upgrade to one of the other Post Office Broadband Packages, which entitles you to unlimited downloads (subject to this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy), at any time. However, you will be liable for any Charges incurred for downloads in excess of the Usage Limit up to the date you upgrade.

3. Unlawful Activities

When you use any part of the Post Office Broadband service, you must abide by the law applicable to your part of the United Kingdom and not commit any unlawful act or contribute to, authorise or permit any such act being carried out.

This includes (but is not limited to) not using Post Office Broadband to send, receive, store, distribute, transmit, post, upload or download any materials or data which:

- may be deemed illegal, defamatory, abusive, offensive, anti-social, racist, distressing, harmful or threatening;
- cause distress, anxiety or harm to another person;
- breach any other person's rights (including rights of privacy, rights of confidentiality, and intellectual property rights such as copyright, database rights, design rights and trademarks);
- are or may be harmful to minors;
- encourage or promote illegal or socially unacceptable or irresponsible behaviour;
- have any fraudulent purpose or effect or conceal your identity or impersonate any individual or organisation or otherwise misrepresent you as a source of information;
- intentionally cause a reduction in performance or functionality of any computer or network facilities;
- damage or may damage our name and/or reputation or the name and/or reputation of our suppliers;
- constitute bulk mail or 'spam' which the recipient has not asked for; or
- subscribe anyone else to a mailing list without their permission. Our suppliers have put technical measures in place to prevent you from accessing certain websites that contain illegal images of child abuse that are identified from time to time by the Internet Watch Foundation ("**IWF**"). These filters are comprehensive but they do not provide an absolute guarantee that you will be

unable to view such illegal images on the internet. In addition, these measures do not filter other content which you may find distasteful, such as “adult” material. On this basis, you may wish to install additional software on your computer to prevent access to inappropriate websites or content on the internet.

For further information regarding the IWF, please visit their website at iwf.org.uk

4. Network Security

You must not use Post Office Broadband to violate our network security or any third party’s system or network security by any method including:

- gaining or providing access to or use of data, systems or networks, including any attempt to probe, scan or test the vulnerability of a system or network without the permission of the owner of that network or system;
- monitoring data or traffic on any network or system without the permission of the owner of that network or system;
- interfering with any user, host, system or network without the permission of the owner of that network or system;
- sending, receiving, storing, distributing, transmitting, posting, uploading or downloading any materials designed to violate our network security or anyone else’s system or network security (including but not limited to viruses, worms, corrupted files, hoaxes, Trojan horses, tools designed to compromise the security of other websites’ programs or services designed to send or enable the sending of unsolicited advertisements); and
- connecting the Post Office Broadband service to insecure machines or services able to be exploited by others to carry out actions which constitute a breach of this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy.

You must not adapt, modify, decompile or reverse engineer any part of the Post Office Broadband service. You are responsible for all materials and/ or data originating from the machines and/or networks that you have connected to the Post Office Broadband service. You must immediately disconnect (and then secure before reconnection) machines generating materials and/or data which breach this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy once you are notified of such activity by us or our suppliers.

5. Security

Do not disclose your username or password to anyone. You are responsible for the security of these. We may request that you change your username, password and/or email address. You are responsible for the set-up and security of your computer and any software that may run on your computer. You should protect your computer with anti-virus software and keep your computer updated regularly.

6. Use of Post Office Broadband

You must use Post Office Broadband in compliance with our instructions regarding health and safety or instructions that are intended to prevent the Post Office Broadband service being disrupted.

You must be at least 18 years old to be a Post Office Broadband customer. Sub-users under this age must have permission from the account holder to access Post Office Broadband. Before using any part of the Post Office Broadband service, you must obtain permission from the person who pays the bill for Post Office Broadband.

7. Fair & Acceptable Use Policy Enforcement

We will block any electronic communication that we reasonably consider to have breached this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy. If you have breached this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy, or we reasonably suspect that you may have breached this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy, we will notify you by email (provided that this notification will not prejudice any investigation) and we may also:

- immediately suspend your access to Post Office Broadband (or any part of the Post Office Broadband service) until we are satisfied the breach has stopped;
- cancel Post Office Broadband in accordance with the Agreement;
- pass on the details of the breach of the Fair & Acceptable Use Policy to any relevant government, statutory, self-regulatory or law enforcement authority;
- pass on your details to copyright owners if we are required to do so by a Court or any other relevant government, statutory, self-regulatory or law enforcement authority;
- investigate the alleged breach of the Fair & Acceptable Use Policy, which may include gathering information from you and/or the complaining party (if any) and the examination of any other data or other material on the network or our servers; and/or;
- remove (either temporarily or permanently), copy, store, monitor or otherwise deal with data and/or other material on the network or our servers;
- reduce your internet access speeds, download speeds and upload speeds.

This Fair & Acceptable Use Policy applies to all Post Office Broadband Services from 1st February 2018.

Post Office is able to supply customers with this Fair & Acceptable Use Policy, free of charge, in an alternative format for people who are visually impaired. To obtain a copy call the Post Office helpline on **03457 22 33 44** or Textphone **03457 22 33 55**. Quote **PL3189**. Calls via **Text Relay** are also welcome.

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