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Tips from Learningtech.org **ECF 471 Requirements**

Following are notable variations from the E-Rate Form 471 (*Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form*) to the [Emergency Connectivity Fund \[ECF\] Form 471 \(*Description of Services Requested and Certification ECF FCC Form 471*\)](#).

New fields:

- Endowment amount (**to be provided by applicant**)
- Percentage of Students in School District Eligible for NSLP
- Unmet needs (**to be provided by applicant**):
 - That existed at the start of the pandemic and how the Emergency Connectivity Funds are being used to address remaining unmet needs
 - Explanation of how and when data was obtained (**uploads allowed**)
- Equipment or service request indicator
- Invoicing mode (BEAR/SPI) selection (BEAR recommended, Form 498 required)

Of the eighteen (18) required certifications, most are similar to E-Rate certifications. New certifications specific to ECF include:

- The school or school consortium listed on the FCC Form 471 application is only seeking support for eligible equipment and/or services provided to students and school staff who would otherwise lack connected devices and/or broadband services sufficient to engage in remote learning.
- The school, library, or consortia is **not** seeking Emergency Connectivity Fund support or reimbursement for eligible equipment or services that have been purchased and reimbursed in full with other federal pandemic-relief funding, targeted state funding, other external sources of targeted funding or targeted gifts, or eligible for discounts from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism or other universal service support mechanism.
- The applicant or the relevant student, school staff member, or library patron has received the equipment and services for which funding is sought.
- The school, library, or consortium has created and will maintain an equipment and service inventory as required by § 54.1715.

Learningtech.org will provide clients with an ECF Letter of Agency [LOA] with ALL of the ECF certifications, which will authorize Consultant to make these certifications on behalf of the Applicant. The LOA will additionally authorize Consultant to interact with FCC, USAC, service providers, and others, to facilitate ECF matters on behalf of Applicant.