

5 Types of Broadband Internet Connections

Even the smallest business needs a broadband internet connection to get things done. Yet it can be confusing when there are so many types of connections. Business owners can often choose from:



DSL broadband

DSL stands for Digital Subscriber Line. DSL can be purchased through your telephone company, which provides broadband internet access through the telephone lines already installed in most businesses.



3 - 40 Mbps

Good for:



Emails



Downloads



Browsing



Cable broadband

A cable broadband internet connection can be purchased from your cable company. Cable broadband utilizes the coaxial cable lines already installed in most businesses.



10 Mbps - 1 Gbps

Good for:



Emails



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Browsing



Video



Fiber broadband

Telephone companies and cable companies both offer fiber broadband internet connections. Fiber-optic cable is made up of transparent glass fibers about the diameter of a human hair, transmitting data as light.



10 Mbps - 10 Gbps

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Video



(not Wi-Fi)

Wireless broadband

A wireless broadband internet connection uses a radio link to connect your computers to a service provider's facility. An antenna needs to have "line of sight" to the service provider's facility to be effective.



3 - 15 Mbps

Good for:



Emails



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Satellite broadband

This connection requires line of sight to the satellite and a dish antenna. The same way they do for telephone and television service.



5 - 15 Mbps

Good for:



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Contact your local internet provider to learn more about the options available to your business.

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