

Tips for testing broadband speed

- Conduct a speed test at **speedtest.net** >
- Always conduct at least three speed > tests as performances can vary.

You are now one step closer to enjoying the benefits of fibre broadband

Final install check

Service Order Number
Installer Company
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Speed Test Result

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Maximising your fibre broadband performance





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There are a range of factors that can affect fibre broadband performance

They can be related to the network connections and/or the environment in your home.

If you believe there is an issue with the network connection, we recommend you contact your internet provider. Alternatively, there are a range of IT support services that can help.





Wi-Fi distance

Distance between your modem and your devices can affect your Wi-Fi performance.

Test:

Connect to your Wi-Fi and conduct a speed test on your device from where you usually use it and then compare it to another speed test when your device is close to the Wi-Fi modem.

Solutions:

- If your home has cabling for internet access, consider moving the Wi-Fi modem to an outlet point closer to where you mostly use your devices, or in the centre of your home.
- Consider purchasing either a Wi-Fi extender or an additional Wi-Fi access point. This can be positioned in the part of your home with poor Wi-Fi coverage or where additional capacity is required. If using a Wi-Fi access point, it must be connected back to your primary Wi-Fi modem via an Ethernet cable. The new access point will need to be configured with your network name and password so devices can automatically connect to the best access point.

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Old devices

Old devices, or some software installed on your devices, can impact on fibre broadband performance.

Test:

Turn off all devices connected to your Wi-Fi network. Source a new device (preferably less than a year old) and use this to conduct a speed test over Wi-Fi to see if the performance has improved.

Solutions:

- Remove any unnecessary apps or software from your devices.
- Consider upgrading or purchasing new devices.



Outdated modem

If you're using a Wi-Fi modem that was not provided by your internet provider, it may be too old or not appropriate for use over fibre broadband.

Test:

Check that your Wi-Fi modem is of an appropriate standard. The current standard for Wi-Fi modems for use with a fibre broadband connection is 802.11ac.

This is listed in the features on the Wi-Fi modem box as either "802.11ac" or "AC". You can also check by contacting your internet provider and asking them.

Solutions:

- Use the Wi-Fi modem provided by your internet provider.
- Purchase a new 802.11ac standard Wi-Fi modem. This can be supplied by your internet provider, or purchased as a 'BYO' modem (if your internet service provider supports BYO modems).



Interference

Interference to a Wi-Fi signal can be caused by a range of factors.

Devices that may cause interference include transmitting devices such as neighbouring Wi-Fi networks, cordless phones, baby monitors and Bluetooth devices. Other electrical devices such as halogen desk lamps, dimmer switches, speakers and even electric fences can also affect your Wi-Fi signal. Interference such as what your home walls are made of (concrete, brick, steel framing) and other objects (fish tanks, hot water cylinders) can also affect your Wi-Fi signal.

Test:

Check your Wi-Fi signal strength and conduct a speed test while other devices are on. Then compare these to the signal strength and a speed test when all other devices are turned off and disconnected from the power.

Solutions:

- Ensure all unnecessary electrical devices are turned off when not in use or are removed from the environment.
- Reduce the number of electrical devices in your home; particularly those that are positioned near or between your Wi-Fi modem.

