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NBN Full-Fibre Upgrades 2026: What It Means

From July 2026, hundreds of thousands more Australian premises become eligible for a free full-fibre (FTTP) upgrade, and the old copper network is being switched off for good.

NBN Co is accelerating the shift to **full fibre (FTTP)**. From **July 2026**, it is dropping the high-speed-plan requirement so around **600,000 more FTTC premises** become eligible for a free fibre upgrade, part of a program backed by up to **\$3 billion** in government funding plus over **\$800 million** from NBN to move hundreds of thousands of premises off legacy copper by **2030**. A separate **Targeted Upgrade program** will move about **130,000** remaining copper premises to fibre or disconnect them, with notifications from **July 2027**. The good news: you do **not** need full fibre to run a great business phone, a cloud system like **Uniden Voice Over Cloud** works brilliantly over any NBN technology today, because voice uses only around 100 kbps per call.

■ The short version

Technology	Typical upload	Latency & consistency	Great for business voice?
FTTC (Fibre to the Curb)	Good	Low	✓ Excellent for most
HFC (Cable)	Moderate	Good	✓ Works well
FTTN (Fibre to the Node)	Varies with distance	Good, can vary	✓ Fine for typical volumes
Fixed Wireless	Moderate	Higher, weather-sensitive	~ Works; add mobile failover

■ What the full guide covers

- What's Changing in 2026
- The End of Copper
- Why This Matters for Business
- What Full Fibre Does for Your Calls
- You Don't Need to Wait for Fibre
- NBN Technologies Compared for Business Voice
- How to Check Your Eligibility
- How Uniden Voice Fits In
- What to Read Next: The Cloud Communications Cluster

⚠ If your business is still on copper

Whether it is a copper phone line hanging on, or an FTTN/FTTC broadband service, the message is the same: **plan the move now, on your terms**. It is far better to migrate to fibre and a modern cloud phone system proactively than to be forced into a rushed change when a disconnection notice arrives.

This is the summary. The guide has the detail.

Every point above is worked through in full on our site, with the Australian context, the numbers and the exceptions. If you would rather talk it through, call **1300 881 662** or visit **unidenvoice.com/get-started**.