

## Digital Television Subsidy Scheme Overview

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Households in the Nausori-Suva-Lami corridor who qualify for enrolment in the FEA Monthly Electricity Subsidy Scheme as of 1 August, 2016 will be granted vouchers to receive free Walesi Set-Top Boxes (STB) from authorised retailers. The scheme will be rolled out nationwide later this year.

## My household is enrolled in the FEA Subsidy Scheme. How do we receive a Walesi Set-Top Box?

For households already enrolled in the FEA Subsidy Scheme, voucher distribution will occur at set distribution centres coordinated by the Ministry of Communications beginning on Saturday, 6 August 2016.

Distribution teams will be at **Tebara Plaza, Nakasi on 6 August, 2016 from 9.00am 4.00pm** to service the Nakasi, Makoi, Narere, Davuilevu and Tovata areas. Times and locations of upcoming distribution centres will be published at regular intervals.

To receive a voucher, **each household must send the FEA Account Holder** to a distribution centre. All Account Holders must provide:

- a copy of their FEA bill (prepaid Account Holders can present a receipt bearing the account number); and
- a voter registration card

All vouchers will be pre-printed and personalised with the FEA Account Holder's name and address. Vouchers can be redeemed by the FEA Account Holder at the currently authorised retailers: Courts, Vinod Patel Home and Living and Telecom Fiji Limited.

## What if my household qualifies for the FEA Subsidy Scheme, but is not currently enrolled?

In order to qualify, households must...

- have a combined annual income of under \$30,000; and
- use under 95 kilowatts of electricity per month

Households that meet these criteria but are not enrolled in the FEA Subsidy Scheme can sign up for the scheme at the nearest FEA office or at any of distribution centres.

To apply, each head of household must provide a:

- tax identification number;
- photo ID;
- birth certificate; and
- recent pay slip stamped by their employer (statutory declaration forms will be available if payslips cannot be provided)

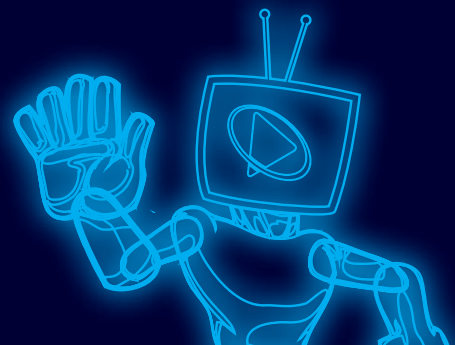
If eligibility criteria are met, households will be enrolled in the FEA subsidy scheme and will receive their Walesi STB vouchers at a later date to be announced.

All FEA Account Holders of each qualifying household must sign a statutory declaration that they possess at least one television set and that they will not attempt to sell or gift their Walesi STB. Households must also consent to inspections by Department of Communications teams to confirm that Walesi STBs are being used at the listed address of the FEA Account Holder.

Teams from the Fijian Elections Office will also be at distribution centres to register voters and issue voter registration cards. A birth certificate and valid photo I.D. are required for registration.

## Where can I find more information?

For more information, please contact the Department of Communications through e-mail at [elvin.prasad@govent.gov.fj](mailto:elvin.prasad@govent.gov.fj) or over the phone at 3308600.





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