**Warning: WLR UK Stop sell announced by Openreach ahead of 2025 switch off**

Openreach announced that from today, 5th September 2023, WLR (wholesale line rental) will no longer be sold across the UK. This means that new supply of all WLR products (analogue telephone lines , ISDN2 telephone lines, ISDN30 telephones lines) and broadband products associated with WLR PSTN lines (GFast, standard FTTC 80:20) will be restricted. So its vital now that your business, if it hasn’t already, moves to FTTP or SoGEA broadband and VOIP telephony.

From 5 September 2023:

* New provide and transfer order requests for WLR telephone lines , FTTC broadband, including Gfast over WLR, will not be available.
* We will not be permitted to request working line takeovers, addition of FTTC 80:20 broadband to voice lines, bandwidth modify, start of stopped lines or request migrations to non-Ultrafast products.
* Openreach will now reject FTTC broadband orders when provided over WLR, other than those order types relating to the in-life management of the current service.
* For the small number of premises where FTTP (Fibre to the Premises broadband) or SOGEA broadband is not yet available, will be temporarily exempt from the UK WLR Stop sell rules, this is to allow time for the SOTAP products (Single Order Transitional Access Product) to be enabled, this is a copper line with a very basic VOIP telephony product.

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