

# READY TO GET ONLINE IN DELAWARE?

## STATE GOVERNMENT SITES and SERVICES

***broadband.delaware.gov***—the site for information about high speed Internet access in Delaware.

Free computer terminals and Wi-Fi access are available at all 32 Delaware libraries. ***libraries.delaware.gov***

***delaware.gov*** has all of the information you need on state government services, jobs too.

Delaware Economic Development Office—not just for corporations, this agency helps small and minority-owned businesses. ***dedo.delaware.gov***

Staying safe online—DTI's cyber security website has tons of tips on cyber safety. ***digiknow.delaware.gov***

## EDUCATION

The Delaware Center for Distance Adult Learning provides personalized instruction and support for adult students. ***www.dcdal.org***

Delaware Technical and Community College—four campuses statewide, college level instruction but also online courses, workforce training. ***www.dtcc.edu***

## JOBS and TRAINING

The Department of Labor has Job Centers with computers, real job postings and training in Wilmington, Glasgow, Dover and Georgetown. ***joblink.delaware.gov***

Goodwill Industries—provides employment opportunities and training in its centers and stores but also has workforce development centers in each county. ***www.goodwillde.org***

Delaware's Division of Libraries has job centers in Seaford, Georgetown, Dover and Wilmington—free personalized job coaching, free computer use and friendly people to help in your job search. ***lib.de.us/jobcenter***



# WINNING the FUTURE

Success Through Broadband Access



# THE WORLD OF BROADBAND

## **What is Broadband?**

Broadband is high speed Internet access. It makes it possible for computer users to get online quickly and once there, access information at faster speeds than dial-up connections.

## **Why Does it Matter to Me?**

Reliable Internet service is rapidly becoming a necessity, not a luxury, in today's technology driven society. Being digitally savvy, that is, knowing how to use computers and the Internet, is a requirement of entry level jobs today. High speed broadband gives your family access to a wide range of services, information, and entertainment enhancing your life.

## **What Can I Do With It?**

High speed Internet access lets you download movies, music and games. You can find your school assignment online and do research. You can apply for services and jobs, do your banking, and pay your bills. You can save money on postage and time in lines. Staying connected with friends and family is easier than ever and long distance connections can be made for free.

## **How and Where Can I Find it and Get it?**

There are a number of high speed Internet providers in Delaware. These include cable television companies, phone companies, satellite television firms and other cellular phone providers. A list of these providers can be found on [broadband.delaware.gov](http://broadband.delaware.gov). Broadband can be expensive with set monthly charges, but the good news is that free Internet access and computer terminals are available in Delaware's 32 libraries. The Comcast Essentials program helps reduced and free lunch eligible families get low cost Internet service. Website: [internetessentials.com](http://internetessentials.com)

# THE BENEFITS OF HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS

## **Education and Entertainment**

Being online opens up new worlds and educational possibilities for students and parents alike. Students can check assignments and do homework and parents can keep in touch with teachers via email. Distance learning is available at both the college and K-12 levels. Want to visit the Amazon Rainforest or watch a satellite orbit the earth? Both are just a mouse click away with high speed access.

## **Staying Connected**

It is now possible to make calls to family and friends around the world for free through Internet-based voice providers. Better yet, there are video call services that provide facetime for little to no cost. Social networking sites make sharing photos, status updates and reconnecting with colleagues and classmates a snap.

## **Bringing the World to Your Small Business**

Imagine the possibilities of taking your business national or even international, without ever leaving your building. Known as e-commerce, high speed Internet access allows customers to reach you on their own schedules and permits you to automate your operations.

## **E-Government**

Be a more efficient and informed citizen by taking advantage of the services, benefits and programs offered online by your state governments. Your first stop is [Delaware.gov](http://Delaware.gov) where you can do everything from filing your taxes to buying a fishing license. Don't forget that nearly all of Delaware cities and towns have websites and you can use these to pay utility and tax bills as well as look up services like recycling and trash removal.