

QWEST LOCAL ACCESS

Qwest (QCC) Local Access, commonly referred to as the local loop, is the network connection between the QCC national network access point of presence (POP) or network access point (NAP) and the customer premises (business addresses only).

Qwest Local Access is part of an end-to-end customer solution that includes QCC national network products such as Domestic Private Line, MPLS (including Internet access), ATM, Frame Relay, Hosting Services, Ethernet Private Line, QWave[®], Dedicated Voice and Advanced Voice (VoIP) Products.

There are three different types of Qwest Local Access: Qwest Provided Access (QPA), Customer Provided Access (CPA) and Cross Connect Access (CCA). Qwest also provides different local access transport protocols including time division multiplexing (TDM), synchronous optical network (SONET), Ethernet, Wavelength, Frame Relay and ATM.

The Qwest (QCC) Local Access circuit may be delivered in three ways:

- Qwest Provided Access - Local Access is ordered by QCC from a local exchange carrier (e.g., Qwest Local, AT&T, Verizon, etc.) on behalf of the customer, or QCC uses its own local fiber (QLBB - on-net) to connect the customer to the QCC national network. In either case, QCC maintains the circuit and bills the customer for it.
- Customer Provided Access - The customer directly orders local access from a local exchange carrier (LEC) of their choosing. The local access is ordered from the customer premises to the Qwest-designated demarcation point on the QCC national network.
- Cross Connect Access (CCA) - The customer wants to purchase a QCC national network service and has an existing Qwest collocation, hosting or direct-connect agreement. The CCA connects the customer's collocated or direct-connected equipment to the Qwest national network.

Qwest provides secure local access connections in a wide range of speeds and protocols that connect the customer location to the QCC national network.

Local Access is available to Qwest[®] business customers throughout the U.S.