

SABRENet Access Policy

Overview

About the Policy

The SABRENet Access Policy is a statement of the rules and principles by which SABRENet Ltd determines how the SABRENet optical network may be used, and by whom.

The Policy serves two principle objectives:

The first is to set *rules of eligibility* that determine whether or not a given organisation may be considered eligible to use SABRENet.

The second objective of the Policy is to set out the *approved purposes* for which an eligible organisation may use SABRENet.

The Policy has been developed by SABRENet Ltd, a non-profit public company owned by the Flinders University, the University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia and the South Australian Government.

This information sheet provides a high level summary of the Policy, and should not be taken as a definitive statement. The complete Policy document is available for download at www.sabrenet.edu.au.

Eligibility

SABRENet will be used primarily by the SABRENet Participants, which are currently the SABRENet Ltd Members organisations and the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO). The SABRENet Participants share the ongoing costs of managing SABRENet (through SABRENet Ltd) and enjoy a general right to access and use SABRENet.

Some other organisations engaged in Research and Education (R&E) in South Australia may also be considered eligible to use SABRENet. Such organisations might include private schools, other universities, government agencies, non-profit organisations or firms.

Approved Purposes

SABRENet has been constructed primarily to support non-commercial uses relating to R&E, and in general, it is to be used for such purposes only.

Nevertheless, SABRENet Ltd reserves the right to allow some commercial use of the SABRENet infrastructure, where doing so directly supports the R&E objectives of the Company and its Members.

AARNet Members

Most of the SABRENet Participants are also members of the Australian Academic and Research Network (AARNet, www.aarnet.edu.au), which provides national and international research and education connectivity for universities, research institutions and related stakeholders.



SABRENet interconnects with the AARNet-3 national backbone network in the Adelaide CBD, and much of the Participants' SABRENet traffic travels onto AARNet-3 and other AARNet-operated networks.

In order to maintain compatibility between SABRENet and AARNet, the SABRENet Access Policy establishes the general principle that uses permitted under AARNet access policies are also permitted under the SABRENet Access Policy.

State Government Agencies

Because SABRENet use is limited to approved R&E purposes, SABRENet is not available for general government business use. In order to provide clarity on this issue, the Policy limits State Government use to

- Schools
- TAFE colleges
- Teaching hospitals
- Explicitly identified State Government research agencies.

Access Agreements

Every organisation that uses SABRENet, including SABRENet Participants, must enter into an access agreement with SABRENet Ltd. Each access agreement identifies the SABRENet optical fibres which may be used under the agreement and sets technical standards, service levels, charges and other terms and conditions. Access agreements also stipulate compliance with the SABRENet Access Policy as a condition of access.

More Information

SABRENet Access Policy

- www.sabrenet.edu.au/downloads

AARNet Access Policy

- www.aarnet.edu.au