Wireless Connection - Windows 8

You can use this guide to manually configure a Windows 8 PC or laptop to connect to the wireless services eduroam.

- An automatic configuration tool XpressConnect is available online, try this first!

Usernames for connecting to wireless must include the @abdn.ac.uk part. Your username (eg u01abc9) would look like u01abc9@abdn.ac.uk when configuring wireless. Be aware that using Xpress Connect more than once eg eduroam will override previous settings.

Which service should I use?

eduroam

- eduroam is the recommended default wireless service for all staff and students. It provides staff and students with authenticated access to the University of Aberdeen’s wireless network. It also permits access to wireless networks at other participating institutions. All that is required is a University of Aberdeen username and password.

- visitors from participating institutions (see www.eduroam.ac.uk) can access the University of Aberdeen wireless network using credentials provided by their home organisation.

Note: When connecting, you will also see the uoa-corporate service. This is not available for general access. In some campus locations you may also see Aberdeen-city-connect, which is an unencrypted public wi-fi service for casual visitors.

Before you start, check the following:

- You have a current University of Aberdeen username and password, or a username and password for a participating eduroam institution.

- You are running Windows 8.

- You have administrator rights on your laptop or PC.

- You have up-to-date anti-virus software and up-to-date wireless adapter drivers.

Note: When connecting to our wired services, you are bound by Conditions for using IT Facilities, available online for students and staff.
Step 1: Set up connection

1. Go to the Charms menu (press the Windows key + C).
   - Click Settings.
   - Select Control Panel.
   - Select View network status and tasks.
   - Select Set up a new connection or network.
   - Select Manually connect to a wireless network and click Next.

2. The Manually connect to a wireless network window opens.
   - Network name: type eduroam
     This is case sensitive and must appear in lower case e.g. eduroam
   - Security type: WPA2-Enterprise
   - Encryption type: AES
   - Ensure the Start this connection automatically checkbox is ticked
   - Click on the Next button

3. Click Change connection settings.

4. The eduroam Wireless Network properties dialog opens. Ensure that:
   - The Connect automatically when this network is in range checkbox is ticked
   - The other checkboxes should be unticked

Step 2: Security and authentication

1. Click the Security tab at the top of the eduroam Wireless Network properties dialog. Ensure:
   - Security type: WPA2-Enterprise
   - Encryption type: AES
   - Choose a network authentication method: Microsoft Protected EAP (PEAP)
   - The Remember my credentials for this connection... checkbox is ticked
   - Click on the Settings... button
2. The Protected EAP Properties dialog opens. Under When connecting, ensure:
   – **Verify the server’s identity by validating the certificate** is **ticked**
   – **Connect to these servers** is ticked and type **radius.abdn.ac.uk** in the box below
   – Under **Trusted Root Certification Authorities**, tick the checkbox against any entries for **GlobalSign**
   – Select **Don’t ask user to authorise new servers or trusted CAs** from the drop-down list

3. Under **Select Authentication Method**:
   – Ensure **Secured password (EAP-MDCHAP v2)** is selected
   – **Untick** the **Enable Fast Reconnect** checkbox and leave the remaining three checkboxes **unticked**
   – **Click** on the **Configure...** button

4. The EAP MSCHAPv2 Properties dialog opens.
   – **Untick** the **Automatically use my Windows logon name and password (and domain if any)** checkbox
   – **Click** OK
   – **Click** OK again to return to the eduroam Wireless network properties dialog

**Step 3: Advanced settings**

1. Click **Advanced** settings. The Advanced settings dialog opens.
   – Tick the **Specify authentication mode** checkbox
   – Select **User authentication** from the drop-down menu

2. Click **Save credentials**.

3. The **Save Credentials** dialog opens.
   – Enter your **Username**: yourusername@abdn.ac.uk
     
     Your username is what you use to login to University networked PCs (e.g. classroom or office desktop PCs). It is not your email address. You must append @abdn.ac.uk to your username, e.g. abc123 becomes abc123@abdn.ac.uk

   – **Password**: your usual University password
   – **Click** OK
   – **Click on OK** to return to the eduroam Wireless network properties dialog
   – **Click** OK and **Close**
Step 4: Connect to eduroam

After a few seconds you will be connected to eduroam. This may take up to 30 seconds depending on network traffic.

– Once connected, the icon will change to display solid white bars; these indicate the signal strength at your current location.

– If this does not happen, please click the Network icon at the bottom right of the desktop and select eduroam from the list of available wireless networks to connect.

Troubleshooting

– Check that you have entered the correct username and password.

– Ensure you follow all the instructions in this guide.

Further information and help

Contact the Service Desk: https://myit.abdn.ac.uk

More information is available online at www.abdn.ac.uk/wireless