FAQ – Discontinuation of CBRS SAS

What was announced?
CommScope is discontinuing the Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS) Spectrum Access System (SAS) service, effective May 31, 2022.

Is CommScope exiting the Private Networks market?
No. CommScope is committed to leadership in the private networks market. The SAS service required for operation in the CBRS band is readily available from other entities, including Google.

Doesn't the RUCKUS® CBRS AP need the CommScope SAS to operate?
No. The access points are designed to work with all current FCC-approved SAS providers. In the management portal, the customer may configure their SAS provider of choice.

How will this affect existing CommScope SAS customers?
CommScope provided customers with 60 days' notice. We are recommending that customers migrate to the Google SAS service, for which a smooth transition plan is in place. CommScope technical support will assist customers with their migrations, whether to Google or to another FCC-approved SAS vendor.

Who will pay Google for SAS services?
The end-customer/MSP will contract directly with Google for SAS services to be used with CommScope RAN equipment.

Are RUCKUS CBRS products being placed on "End of Sale" or "End-of-Life"?
No. We will continue offering all existing RUCKUS CBRS Category A LTE access points: Q410, Q710 and Q910.

Will CommScope offer 5G indoor RAN products for the CBRS band?
Yes. CommScope plans to launch a CBRS-band ONECELL® 5G NR product, for operation in both licensed (PAL) and unlicensed (GAA) spectrum, suitable for both enterprise and service provider customers.

Will CommScope be competing with Google in the private networks market?
No, CommScope will be partnering with Google.

Does this announcement impact Environmental Sensing Capability (ESC)?
No. CommScope plans to continue operating and managing the ESC network in conjunction with Google, as before.

Does this announcement impact Certified Professional Installer (CPI) certifications?
No. Certifications are not impacted.