

# How to replace a router with a fiber optic access box



## Article Overview

No, a fiber optic box (ONT) cannot be replaced with a router; the ONT is required to convert fiber signals into Ethernet, and a router can only connect to it.

### Why the ONT Cannot Be Replaced

Fiber optic internet uses light signals transmitted through fiber cables, which must be converted into electrical signals for your home network. This conversion is handled by an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) provided by your ISP. Unlike traditional cable or DSL connections, fiber does not use a standard modem, so a router alone cannot interpret the fiber signal or establish an internet connection without the ONT .

### Using Your Own Router with Fiber

While you cannot replace the ONT, you can use your own router to manage your home network. To do this:

- Ensure your router has a Gigabit Ethernet WAN port to connect to the ONT via an Ethernet cable .
- Verify that your router supports the speed tier of your fiber plan; older routers may bottleneck high-speed connections.
- Configure any necessary settings such as VLAN, DHCP, or PPPoE, depending on your ISP's requirements .
- For optimal performance, a Wi-Fi 6 or 6E router is recommended to handle multipl...

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