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DrayTek Vigor2620Ln

A unique router that aims to give multiple redundant options for internet connectivity.

In a world where it is increasingly important for businesses (as well as many home users) to be online at all times, and in all locations, the Vigor2620Ln gives much appreciated connectivity options. It can connect directly to an external internet source (such as an NBN modem) via WAN, but also has a VDSL2 and ADSL2+ modem built in. In other words, it will connect to existing wired broadband options without a hassle.

But the Vigor2620Ln really stands out from the crowd with the addition of a 3G/4G modem, allowing the use of mobile broadband. It's rated for up to 150Mbps, and handles the major frequencies (2100MHz, 1800MHz, 2600MHz, 900MHz, 800MHz) except 700MHz. The router supports two SIM cards for use with multiple providers. In theory you could have it set up with four different

internet providers for massive redundancy. And of course, the 2620Ln supports failover, as well as loads of in depth bandwidth sharing options.

The 4G modem uses antennas on the modem, but they are removable so external ones can be used as well. This is great news for travellers (be it for work, or personal such as in a boat or caravan) as you can massively increase the range by buying larger antennas. Dual SIM cards is also very important, as it allows you to have two different providers (such as Telstra and Optus) who often each have better or worse coverage in certain areas.

The rest of the 2620Ln is fairly typical, and is of the same excellent quality we have come to expect from DrayTek. The router comes with basic 802.11n spec Wi-Fi built in (the 2620L model omits it

for a saving of around \$35) but you are better off using an external access point. The wireless connection is strong and fast up close, but the range is limited.

Round the back the 2620Ln sports dual Gigabit LAN ports, one of which does double duty as the WAN connection. There are no USB ports, but with 4G built in and most printers having their own Wi-Fi connection, this isn't much of a loss. There's also a WPS button, which can also be used to turn the Wi-Fi on and off.

The DrayTek interface and software is excellent, and the wizard will have you up and running quick smart. The router supports two SSL VPNs, for secure remote connections. It also has a built in firewall, and options such as content filtering, and bandwidth management failover modes. The router can

also be used to manage two Vigor Wireless Access points, making it the heart of a larger business network. If you get stuck along the way, DrayTek has a huge library of articles in its knowledge base that can walk you through most configurations.

The 2620L series does a great job of providing excellent 4G connectivity and small business or pro user network management, on a modest budget. If you need better Wi-Fi or more features, DrayTek also has some more advanced but more expensive 4G-equipped routers. ■

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Verdict

4G redundancy options and many features make up for slightly slow Wi-Fi and only two VPN tunnels.



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