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APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND FEES FOR NUMBERING RESOURCES

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1.0 APPLICATION, PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERING RESOURCES

1.1 The management, procedure and criteria for assignments of electronic communication numbers as well as the Assignee's obligations are provided for under **PART II** Sections 4 - 9 of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Electronic Communication Numbering and Addressing) Regulations of 2011. The electronic form of the Regulations is available on line at:

<http://www.tcra.go.tz/regulation/numbering.pdf>

1.2 Any eligible applicant requiring numbering resources are obligated to submit to the Authority appropriate application form(s) and documents required for the application with reasons for use of the said numbers, estimated demand as the grounds for said request and plans for provision of telecommunication services for the numbers required. The application forms are available at the Authority's front desk upon payment of the application processing fee or on line at <http://www.tcra.go.tz/display.php?type=applforms> with application processing fee payable on submission of the form(s).

1.3 *Change of assigned electronic communication numbers:*

Normally, Numbering Plans are made to avoid as much as possible the change of electronic communication numbers. However, in such case that the Numbering Plan is changed or numbers are to be cancelled, the Authority in the process will be guided by **PART II** Sections 12 and 13(1) of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Electronic Communication Numbering and Addressing) Regulations of 2011.

1.4 **Abolition of use of Electronic communication Numbers:**

In such case that parties for whom electronic communication numbers were assigned fail to use said numbers in accordance with the plans for provision of the intended communication services or where they abolish use of said electronic communication numbers or otherwise fails to timely pay the relevant fees, they shall be obligated to submit to the Authority without delay such facts, else the Authority will take necessary regulatory measures including cancellation of the assignment.

2.0 NUMBERING RESOURCES FEES

2.1. Reasoning for the numbering Fees

The scarce numbering resource and rising amount of electronic communication users and services, presumes an effective control and supervision of numbers. The introduction of numbering fees promotes fairness and efficient use of the electronic communication numbering resources.

Numbers have been chosen as the object for the fees because the operation of telecommunications generally demands numbers. All numbering related activities of the Authority and Standardization will be covered by numbering fees.

2.2 Number categories

Numbering is divided in various categories including the following:

- Subscriber Numbers
- Prefixes for networks
- Service numbers (like free phone numbers, premium rate numbers, etc.).
- VAS Codes
- National Portable Network Access Numbers
- National Signalling Point Codes (SPCs)
- International Signalling Point Codes (ISPCs)
- MNIC Operator Identifiers
- NCC Operator Identifiers
- Data Network Identification Codes (DNICs)
- Corporate Services Numbers, e.g. VoIP Number ranges
- Carrier Selection and pre-selection codes, and
- SIM Headers

2.3 Fees to be paid for Telecommunications Numbers

There will be two categories of Numbering Fees, namely: **REGISTRATION FEE** and **ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE**.

2.3.1. Registration Fee

The registration fee will be a onetime payment to be made upon successful application of a numbering resource with eventual issuance of certificate of number allocation

2.3.2. Annual Maintenance Fee

The annual maintenance fee for numbering resources will be the recurrent payment payable on every 1st July of each year after number/code allocation. The current applicable formula and fees for both categories are found in **Annex 1** to this document.

3.0 THE ROLE OF THE AUTHORITY

The Authority is the sole custodian of the National Numbering Resources. Use of any electronic communication Numbering and/or Electronic Address without the consent of the Authority is against “Electronic and Postal Communications (electronic communication Numbering and Addressing) Regulations, 2011, and therefore liable to regulatory measures.

Annex 1

S/N	Type of Numbering Resource	Registration Fee (US \$)	Annual Maintenance Fee (US \$)
1	Prefix for Networks (NDC & MNDC)	2,000.00	1,000.00
2	Subscriber Numbers	NA	US\$ 0.20 per Subscriber number ¹
3	National Signalling Point Codes (SPC)	2,000.00	1,000.00
4	International Signalling Point Codes (ISPC)	2,000.00	1,000.00
5	Mobile Network Identification Codes (MNIC)	2,000.00	1,000.00
6	Network Colour Codes (NCC)	2,000.00	1,000.00
7	Data Network Identification Codes (DNIC)	2,000.00	1,000.00
8	Corporate Services Network Access Numbers	2,000.00	1,000.00
9	Carrier Selection/Pre-selection Codes	10,000.00	5,000.00
10	Premium Rate Access Codes	2,000.00	5,000.00
11	Special & Fixed Rate Access Codes	2,000.00	5,000.00
12	VAS & Special Services Short Codes:		
	- GOLD	5,000.00	3,000.00
	- SILVER	4,000.00	3,000.00
	- BRONZE	3,000.00	3,000.00
	- ORDINARY	2,000.00	3,000.00

¹Annual maintenance fee for utilised subscriber numbers Fixed, Cellular Network Operators and any other Assignee having Subscribers shall be computed according to the formula below:

$$F = B * C$$

Where:-

F is the annual fee;

B is the utilised number; and

C is the cost per utilised number

To start with, C has been set at **US\$ 0.20** since 2000, and may be reviewed as deemed necessary.