Argentina (country code +54)

Communication of 2.VII.1997:

Basic National Numbering Plan (Plan Fundamental de Numeración Nacional - PFNN)

The *Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones*, Buenos Aires, announces the introduction of the new Basic National Numbering Plan for Argentina. The Plan is intended to serve as the basis for ensuring the rational use and administration of the numbering system as a limited national resource, for the benefit of users and telecommunication service providers. One of the most important considerations is that the numbering system should be easy to understand and user-friendly. Before 31 January 1999 the national (significant) number will increase from eight to ten digits (country code: 54).

1. Present situation

The current numbering system uses fixed-length eight-digit national numbers consisting of a variable-length area code (one to three digits) and a variable length subscriber number (five to seven digits). Although less than 10% of total numbering capacity is now being used in the country as a whole, the corresponding figure for area code 1, Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area (Area Metropolitana de Buenos Aires (A.M.B.A.)), is approximately 50%. The code format for special services is 1XY, except for operator services (19 and 000).

2. Structure of the national number

Length - All national numbers will have ten digits.

– *Structure of geographical numbers*

Structure of the national geographical number

The national geographical number is composed of the area code and the subscriber number and will consist of ten digits, as illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1. Structure of the national geographical number

National geographical number *Ten digits*	
Area code	*Subscriber number*
A B	c d e f g h i j
A B C	d e f g h i j
A B C D	e f g h i j

Characteristics:

 Restriction on the use of the digit zero (0) as the first digit of the national number. The use of the digit zero (0) as the first digit of the national number is restricted, since it is assigned to the access prefixes.

– *Structure of the subscriber number*

The subscriber number which identifies users within a local service area with the same area code, may consist of six, seven or eight digits (variable length). It is made up of the exchange identification number and the exchange extension number as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Structure of the subscriber number

Subscriber number	
Exchange characteristic	*Exchange extension number*
e f	g h i j
d e f	g h i j
c d e f	g h i j

Characteristics:

 Restriction on the use of the digit zero (0) at the beginning of the exchange characteristic number. The use of the digit zero (0) as the first digit of the exchange characteristic number is restricted, since it is assigned to the access prefixes.

 Restriction on the use of the digit one (1) at the beginning of the exchange characteristic number. The use of the digit one (1) as the first digit of the exchange characteristic number is restricted.

 Exchange extension number. This will always consist of four digits, from 0000 to 9999 (g, h, i, j).

– *Structure of non-geographical numbers*

The generic structure of non-geographical numbers is given in Table 3.

Table 3. Structure of non-geographical numbers

National non-geographical number *Ten digits*	
Non-geographical service code	*Subscriber number*
A B C	d e f g h i j

Characteristics:

 Restriction on the use of the digit 0 as the first digit of the national number. The use of the digit zero (0) as the first digit of the national number is restricted, since it is assigned to the access prefixes.

Table 4 lists the national non-geographical services defined.

Table 4. Description of non-geographical numbers

Non-geographical service code	*Description*
600	Non-geographical value-added number (type audiotext)

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601 to 609	Reserved for non-geographical value-added numbers (type audiotext)
610	Non-geographical value-added numbers for other services
611 to 699	Reserved for non-geographical services
800	Non-geographical freephone numbers
801 to 809	Reserved for non-geographical freephone numbers
810 to 899	Reserved for non-geographical services

– *Structure of special service codes*

The special services include emergency calls, community services and the customer care services of telecommunication service providers.

The special services (except for operator services) will have the following format: 1XY.

Where:

1 is the special service code
X is the generic code for the type of special services
Y is the code for the specific service (0 to 9)

The groups of special services defined by the generic code X (0, 1, 2), are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Groups of codes for the special services

Group of codes	*Type of services*
10Y	Emergency services
11Y	Customer services
12Y	Customer services

Codes assigned to special services

Table 6 shows the codes assigned to special services.

Table 6. Codes assigned to special services

Codes assigned	*Service*
100	Fire-brigade
101	Police
102	Child help-line

Codes assigned	*Service*
103	Civil defence
105	Environmental emergency
106	Emergency at sea
107	Medical emergency
110	Information
112	Local provider's customer service assistance
113	Official time
114	Repairs
115	Ringing test
121	Statement of service account
19	National operator
000	International operator

– *Structure of the long-distance carrier identification code*

The carrier code has the following structure: PQR

Where

P = 1,... , 9 (P = 0 is reserved for future development)

Q, R = 0, 1,....., 9

3. Dialling procedures

– *Dialling procedures for local calls*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 7 in order to make local calls.

Table 7. Dialling procedure for local calls

Type of call	*Digits to be dialled*
Local	Subscriber number

Dialling for a call with origin and destination in the same local service area, and with the same area code, six digit subscriber number:

e f g h i j

Dialling for a call with the origin and destination in the same local service area and with the same area code, seven digit subscriber number:

d e f h g i j

Dialling for a call with origin and destination in the same local service area, and with the same area code, eight-digit subscriber number:

c d e f g h i j

Dialling for a call with origin and destination in the same local service area and a different area code (if authorized), national number to be used.

The Regulatory Authority may allow local service providers to dial the national number (with or without the national long-distance access prefix) when making a local call.

Access prefixes

All service providers should use the same prefixes, as shown in Table 8, when those prefixes are necessary for the provision of a service.

Table 8. Access prefixes

Prefix	*Meaning*
0	Automatic national long-distance call using preselected carrier
00	Automatic international long-distance call using preselected carrier
15	“Calling party pays” call
17	Selection of carrier for national long-distance calls
18	Selection of carrier for international long-distance calls

Numbers preceded by an asterix (*) are reserved for the free use of the local service providers.

– *Dialling procedures for automatic area calls*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 9 in order to make a national call (outside his local area).

Table 9. Dialling procedure for automatic area calls

Destination	*Mode*	*Digits to be dialled*
National	Preselected carrier	0 + national number
	Selection of carrier	17 + PQR + national number

where: PQR = Long-distance carrier code

– *Dialling procedure for automatic international calls*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 10 in order to make an international call.

Table 10. Dialling procedure for international calls

Destination	*Mode*	*Digits to be dialled*
International	Preselected carrier	00 + international number
	Selection of carrier	18 + PQR + international number

where: PQR = Long-distance carrier code

– *Dialling procedure to access special services*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 11 in order to access special services.

Table 11. Dialling procedure to access special services

Destination	*Mode*	*Digits to be dialled*
Special services not provided by a long-distance carrier	Not applicable	Service code
Special services provided by a long-distance carrier	Preselected carrier	Service code(*)
	Selection of carrier	17 + PQR + 0 + service code(*)

(*) For those services provided by a long-distance carrier.

where: PQR = long-distance carrier code

– *Dialling procedures for national non-geographical numbers*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 12 in order to make calls to national non-geographical numbers.

Table 12. Dialling procedure for national non-geographical numbers

Destination	*Digits to be dialled*
National non-geographical number	0 + non-geographical number

Note: For some non-geographical services the long-distance carrier selection may be used, as shown in Table 9

– *Dialling procedure for non-geographical numbers in other countries*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 13 in order to make calls to non-geographical numbers in other countries. This form of dialling shall be subject to the conditions laid down by the regulatory body and to the standards recommended by international organizations and agreements.

Table 13. Dialling procedures for calls to non-geographical numbers in other countries

Destination	*Digits to be dialled*
Non-geographical number in another country	00 + international non-geographical number(*)

(*) The international non-geographical number includes the country code.

Note 1 – For some international non-geographical services, the long-distance carrier selection mode may be used, as shown in Table 10.

– *Dialling procedure to call the national long-distance operator*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 14 in order to call the national long-distance operator.

Table 14. Dialling procedure to call the national long-distance operator

Destination	*Mode*	*Digits to be dialled*
National long-distance operator	Preselected carrier	19
	Selection of carrier	17 + PQR + 0 + 19

where: PQR = long-distance carrier code

– *Dialling procedure to call the international long-distance operator*

The user follows the procedure shown in Table 15 in order to call the international long-distance operator.

Table 15. Dialling procedure to call the international long-distance operator

Destination	*Mode*	*Digits to be dialled*
International long-distance operator	Preselected carrier	000
	Selection of carrier	18 + PQR + 000

where: PQR = long-distance carrier code

– *Dialling procedure for a "calling party pays" call*

The user follows the dialling procedure shown in Table 16 to access services providing the "calling party pays" facility.

Table 16. Dialling procedure for a "calling party pays" call

Destination	*Mode*	*Digits to be dialled*
Local	"Calling party pays"	15 + local number

4. Programme of changes (general)

The changes made during the transitional stage should be widely publicized in order to explain the underlying reasons and principles and make the new basic national numbering plan (PFNN) clear to users.

Detailed programme of changes

Changing the length of new national numbers to ten digits

The process will take place in two stages, so that the change-over to ten-digit national numbers is completed by 31 January 1999.

– *Extension of local numbering:* The digit "4" will be placed at the beginning of all the present subscriber numbers in order to form the new subscriber number. By adding one digit, the numbering capacity in each area code area will be multiplied by ten.

Example:

Localities	*Present subscriber number*	*New subscriber number*
A.M.B.A.	820 5656	**4**820 5656
La Plata	83 6789	**4**83 6789
Córdoba	45 6789	**4**45 6789
Tinogasta	2 6789	**4**2 6789

– *Extension of area codes:* the new area codes will be formed by placing a new digit "A" at the beginning of the present codes. As a result, the number of available area codes will be increased, and it will be possible to make more local numbers available by reducing the area code to one digit as and when necessary. This will provide the necessary flexibility for future development of the PFNN. Future requirements for new area codes will be met by using either free slots in the A = 2 or 3 series or codes set aside in the plan.

The digits to be placed at the beginning of the area codes are as follows:

In the A.M.B.A. A = 1
Southern inland area A = 2
Northern inland area A = 3

Example:

Localities	*Present national number*	*New national number*
A.M.B.A.	1 820 5656	**1**1 **4**8205656
La Plata	21 83 6789	**2**21 **4**836789
Córdoba	51 45 6789	**3**51 **4**456789
Tinogasta	837 2 6789	**3**837 **4**26789

- *Change-over for current cellular telephone users whose numbers do not correspond to their local area*

Once the PFNN is published, cellular service providers who have users with trunk identification codes different from those at their interconnection points may apply for integrated numbering in order to start the gradual change-over. The old non-integrated numbering must have been abandoned by 31 January 1999.

- *Change-over for non-geographical numbers*

The present non-geographical numbers will be modified by adding two digits formed by repeating the subscriber number digit immediately following the non-geographical service identification code “600” and “800”.

Example:

Type of service	*Present number*	*New number*
600	600 23456	600 **22** 23456
600	600 65432	600 **66** 65432
800	800 23456	800 **22** 23456
800	800 65432	800 **66** 65432

Other non-geographical services currently in operation will be required to start using their new non-geographical code before 31 July 1999.

- *Use of prefixes for long-distance carrier selection*

Once the relevant notification has been received from the Regulatory Authority, local service providers will have six months within which to make it possible to select the long-distance operator by means of the prefix dialled.

Area codes, http://www.cnc.gov.ar/infotecnica/numeracion/index.asp

Communication of 10.XI.2011

The *Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones (CNC*)), Buenos Aires, announces that the *Secretaría de Comunicaciones* has undertaken the modification of 21 area codes in the National Numbering Plan.

The *Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones* has scheduled transfer in three stages, in accordance with the following table:

Communicated time and date of change	*N(S)N*		*Usage of E.164 number*	*Parallel running*		*Operator*	*Proposed wording of announcement*
	Old number	*New number*		*Beginning*	*End*		
00:00 27.XI.2011	3752 XXX XXX	376 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area POSADAS	00:00 27.XI.2011	23:59 16.XII.2011	N/A	N/A
00:00 27.XI.2011	2652 XXX XXX	266 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area SAN LUIS	00:00 27.XI.2011	23:59 16.XII.2011	N/A	N/A
00:00 27.XI.2011	2965 XXX XXX	280 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area TRELEW	00:00 27.XI.2011	23:59 16.XII.2011	N/A	N/A
00:00 27.XI.2011	2941 XXX XXX	298 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area GENERAL ROCA	00:00 27.XI.2011	23:59 16.XII.2011	N/A	N/A
00:00 27.XI.2011	3875 XXX XXX	3873 XXX XXX	Geographical number Numbering area TARTAGAL	00:00 27.XI.2011	23:59 16.XII.2011	N/A	N/A
00:0027.XI.2011	3884 XXX XXX	3888 XXX XXX	Geographical number Numbering area SAN PEDRO	00:00 27.XI.2011	23:59 16.XII.2011	N/A	N/A
00:00 29.I.2012	3783 XXX XXX	379 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area CORRIENTES	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 29.I.2012	3722 XXX XXX	362 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area RESISTENCIA	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A

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	Old number	*New number*		*Beginning*	*End*		
00:00 29.I.2012	2944 XXX XXX	294 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 29.I.2012	2623 XXX XXX	263 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area SAN MARTIN	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 29.I.2012	3732 XXX XXX	364 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area PRESIDENCIA ROQUE SAENZ PENA	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 29.I.2012	2627 XXX XXX	260 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area SAN RAFAEL	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 29.I.2012	3534 XXX XXX	3537 XXX XXX	Geographical number Numbering area BELLVILLE	00:00 29.I.2012	23:59 17.II.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	3717 XXX XXX	370 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area FORMOSA	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	3833 XXX XXX	383 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area CATAMARCA	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	3822 XXX XXX	380 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area LA RIOJA	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A

Communicated time and date of change	*N(S)N*		*Usage of E.164 number*	*Parallel running*		*Operator*	*Proposed wording of announcement*
	Old number	*New number*		*Beginning*	*End*		
00:00 1.IV.2012	3461 XXX XXX	336 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area SAN NICOLAS	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	2293 XXX XXX	249 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area TANDIL	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	2362 XXX XXX	236 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area JUNIN	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	3488 XXX XXX	348 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area ESCOBAR	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A
00:00 1.IV.2012	2322 XXX XXX	230 XXX XXXX	Geographical number Numbering area PILAR	00:00 1.IV.2012	23:59 20.IV.2012	N/A	N/A

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