

United Arab Emirates Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	24.3111
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	208.505
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	31.4046
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	250.041
Households with a computer (%)	95.4
Households with Internet access at home (%)	98.4
Individuals using the Internet (%)	98.45

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	H.E. Talal Humaid Belhoul
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman, TRA Board of Directors
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	C*
Cable Television	C*
Data2011	P*
Domestic fixed long distance	C*
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	C*
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2010	N
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*
International Gateways	C*
International Fixed Long Distance	C*
Internet Services	C*
Leased Lines	C*
Wireless Local Loop	N
Local Fixed Line Services	C*
Mobile	C*
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*
Paging2005	M
VSAT	C*
DSL	C*

M: Monopoly
P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)
C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)
N: N/A

Institutional Details (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	TRA BOARD
Legal document creating the regulator	UAE Telecom Law: Federal Law by Decree no. 3 of 2003
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government appropriation, percentage: 0%, • Numbering fees, percentage: 21%, • Spectrum fees, percentage: 70%, • Regulatory fees, percentage: 4%, • Other • Other, Source: 1%, percentage:;
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• No
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Report to Government
Year separate regulator created	2004

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2018)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2013]	6
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?	No
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2011]	4 years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	316

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op M* M: Most prices are negotiated between operators, but can be brought to the TRA
Entity in charge of price regulation	R
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	R
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	R
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	R
Entity in charge of numbering	R
Entity in charge of type approval	R
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring ²⁰¹⁵	R Op M*
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R
Quality of service standards setting ²⁰¹⁵	R
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O
Entity in charge of Information Technology	R
Entity in charge of Internet content ²⁰¹⁵	R

S: Sector Ministry
 O: Other Ministry or Government body
 R: Regulatory Authority
 Op: Operator
 N: Not regulated
 M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2018)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice telephony services • Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition • Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools : all, • Health centres : all hospitals, • Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Services for impaired/ elderly • Women and girls • Refugees and displaced persons • Directory services as part of universal service definition • Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Public Wi Fi under progress,
Operators under universal access/service obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All operators • Network/facilities-based operators • All service-based providers • Incumbent fixed line operator(s) • Fixed-line operators • Fixed-line operators with SMP • Mobile operators • ISPs • Designated US Provider • Obligations allocated on competitive basis
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	No

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2018)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-subsidy between own services
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain	
Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
If Yes, when?	
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Indicate: to be decided,
USF financed by other sources	
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	
If No, name the entity responsible	

Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symmetric
If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?	

Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2014)

Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates B

Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates B

LRIC: LRIC cost model

FDC: FDC cost model

B: Benchmarking

O: Other

N: None

NGN (Latest data available: 2018)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators • Completed

Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services • LRIC model

NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services I

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services I

USO: Regulatory arrangements subject to universal service obligations

I: Regulatory interconnection arrangements with networks using switching circuits

B: Banning of services based on IP

No: No regulatory arrangements defined at present

O: Other