

Barbados Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	44.4434
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	122.573
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	34.1165
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	44.2473
Households with a computer (%)	72.5201
Households with Internet access at home (%)	70.0059
Individuals using the Internet (%)	81.7608

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2014)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Ms Peggy Griffith
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chief Executive Officer
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Fair Trading Commission

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2014)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs Telecommunications and Investment
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2014)

Cable modem2007	N
Cable Television2007	P*
Data2007	P
Domestic fixed long distance2010	N
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)2007	P
Fixed Wireless Broadband	P
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2007	C
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)2007	P
International Gateways2007	P
International Fixed Long Distance	P
Internet Services	C*
Leased Lines2010	C*
Wireless Local Loop2010	P
Local Fixed Line Services2010	M
Mobile	C*
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)2007	P
Paging2005	C
VSAT2007	P
DSL	P

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: 2014)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	Ministry of Finance
Legal document creating the regulator	Fair Trading Commission Act
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government appropriation, percentage: Govt. drawdown, • Other • Other, Source: Levies on regulated operators, percentage:.,
Regulator also regulates other utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Electricity.,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to Sector Ministry
Year separate regulator created	2001

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2014)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2013]	11
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters? [2013]	No
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2010]	Five years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority. [2013]	31

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2014)

Entity in charge of licensing	O
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R
Entity in charge of price regulation	R
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	O
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	O
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	O
Entity in charge of numbering	O
Entity in charge of type approval	O
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R
Entity in charge of universal service/access	O
Quality of service standards setting	R
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	O
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S
Entity in charge of Internet content	N

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: 2014)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	• Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Directory services as part of universal service definition
Operators under universal access/service obligation	• Incumbent fixed line operator(s)
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	No

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2014)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	• Other Explain: Policy is not in force.,
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain	
Operational Universal Service Fund	No
If Yes, when? [2007]	Unknown
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	• All network/facilities-based operators • All service-based providers
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	• Other Indicate: Current legislation (which is under review) states that each licensee is supposed to pay a contribution based on the formula : Universal Service Cost X Eligible Revenue of Licensee/Total Eligible Revenue of all licensees,
USF financed by other sources	No
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	No
If No, name the entity responsible [2006]	Telecom Unit , Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development

Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	• Symmetric
If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?	

Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2012)

Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates	FDC
Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates	FDC

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 • FDHC model

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

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services No

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