

Liberia Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2017)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.174414
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	56.569
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.191399
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	11.6966
Households with a computer (%)	2.57535
Households with Internet access at home (%)	2.96158
Individuals using the Internet (%)	7.98448

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	MRS MARIA HARRISON (ACTING CHAIRPERSON)
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	CHAIRPERSON
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (LTA)

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS (MoPT)
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	C*	
Cable Television	C*	
Data2007	N	
Domestic fixed long distance	M	P: 1998
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	C*	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*	
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2006	C	
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*	
International Gateways	C*	
International Fixed Long Distance	M	P: 1998
Internet Services	C*	
Leased Lines	M	P: 1998
Wireless Local Loop	M	P: 1998
Local Fixed Line Services	M	P: 1998
Mobile	C*	
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*	
Paging2006	C	
VSAT	C*	
DSL	M	P: 1998

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? [2009]	The President of Liberia
Legal document creating the regulator	TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2007
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence fees, percentage: 28.07%, • Numbering fees, percentage: 4.84%, • Spectrum fees, percentage: 23.75%, • Regulatory fees, percentage: 31.95%, • Fines/penalties, percentage: 0.32%, • Other • Other, Source: DONATIONS, percentage: 11.07%,
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to President/Head of State • Report to Legislature/Parliament • Annual report to Sector Ministry
Year separate regulator created	2007

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). [2009]	5
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?	Yes
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2009]	Four (4) years.
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	96

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R	
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R	
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	R	
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R	
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R	
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O M*	M: THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM IS IN CHARGE OF BROADCASTING CONTENT
Entity in charge of Information Technology	R	
Entity in charge of Internet content	O	

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	• Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	• Broadband as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Schools ;, • Health centres ;, • Services for impaired/ elderly • Directory services as part of universal service definition
Operators under universal access/service obligation	• All operators
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	• Universal service funds
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain	
Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
If Yes, when? [2007]	When the "Telecommunications Act 2006" Law is enacted, then the LTA may propose, and the Minister may approve, a policy setting out specific objectives and related principles and service obligations relating to the provision of universal access to telecommunications services in Liberia.
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	• All operators
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	• Percentage of total gross revenues (turnover) Percentage: 0.05%,
USF financed by other sources	Yes
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	• Other • Other percentage:, please specify: DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS,
Regulator administrating USF	
If No, name the entity responsible	

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:)

Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates

Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates

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

Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services • None

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 No

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