

Maldives Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	3.63664
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	166.364
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	10.3685
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	54.4654
Households with a computer (%)	73.6099
Households with Internet access at home (%)	60.2535
Individuals using the Internet (%)	63.1857

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2010)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Ilyas Ahmed
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chief Executive
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Communications Authority of Maldives

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2007)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Minister of Transport and Communications
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2010)

Cable modem		
Cable Television2007	P*	
Data2007	P*	
Domestic fixed long distance2007	M	
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)1999	M	
Fixed Wireless Broadband2007	P*	
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)		
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	P*	P: 2005
International Gateways2007	P*	
International Fixed Long Distance2007	M	
Internet Services2007	P*	
Leased Lines	P	
Wireless Local Loop		
Local Fixed Line Services2007	M	
Mobile	P*	P: 2005
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)1999	M	
Paging2001	M	
VSAT		
DSL	M	

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: 2013)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	Ministry of Finance and Treasury
Legal document creating the regulator	Maldives Telecommunications Regulation 2003
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to Sector Ministry • Other Indicate: To President's Office and Civil Service Commission,
Year separate regulator created	2003

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2010)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2007]	5
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters? [2007]	No
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority?	5 years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority. [2007]	48

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2010)

Entity in charge of licensing	R	
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op	
Entity in charge of price regulation	R Op	
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/access2007	R Op	
Quality of service standards setting	R Op	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R M*	M: Department of Information
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	M*	M: Department of Information
Entity in charge of Information Technology	R	
Entity in charge of Internet content	M*	M: Department of Information

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: 2010)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	No
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Technology Neutral. Basic telecom package including 90 mins of national call, 250MB of Internet access at minimum 56Kbps to all by end 2008,
Operators under universal access/service obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All operators• ISPs
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	Yes

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2010)

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 [2007]	As a condition in the operator/service provider licence.
Operational Universal Service Fund	No
If Yes, when?	
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	
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:)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	
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:)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators	
Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services	

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

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

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