

Nepal (Republic of) Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	2.84516
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	139.446
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	2.8188
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	47.5177
Households with a computer (%)	13.9747
Households with Internet access at home (%)	17.9291
Individuals using the Internet (%)	34

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2014)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Mr. Digambar Jha
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Nepal Telecommunications Authority

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 Information and Communication
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2014)

Cable modem	C	
Cable Television	C	
Data	C	
Domestic fixed long distance	P*	P: 2000
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)2012	P	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*	
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2009	C*	
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)2012	P	
International Gateways	P*	P: 2000
International Fixed Long Distance	P*	P: 2000
Internet Services	C*	
Leased Lines	P*	P: 2000
Wireless Local Loop	P*	P: 2000
Local Fixed Line Services	M	P: 2000
Mobile	P*	P: 2000
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)2012	P	
Paging2005	C	
VSAT	C*	
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: 2014)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2009]	The Members of the Nepal Telecommunications Authority
Legal document creating the regulator	Telecommunications Act, 1997
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Licence fees, percentage: 100%,
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Annual report to Sector Ministry
Year separate regulator created	1998

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). [2012]	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]	5
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	46

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2014)

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	S R
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	S
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	S 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)	S
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	S
Entity in charge of Information Technology	O
Entity in charge of Internet content	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: 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	• Broadband as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Telecentres as part of universal service definition • Directory services as part of universal service definition
Operators under universal access/service obligation	• None of the above, please explain: The voice operators are obliged to invest 15% in the rural areas. Furthermore, all the operators are obliged to contribute 2% of annual revenue to Rural Telecommunications Development Fund.,
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	• Universal service funds
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain [2012]	Less tax are imposed on Telecom equipment imported for providing service in rural areas
Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
If Yes, when? [2005]	After the enforcement of New Telecommunication Policy 2004.
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	• All operators
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	• Percentage of total gross revenues (turnover) Percentage: 2%,
USF financed by other sources	No
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	Yes
If No, name the entity responsible	

Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	• Symmetric
If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?	LRIC and excel model to enable NTA to compute the interconnection charge.

Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2013)

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

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	• Implementation
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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

O*

O: No specific regulation

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services

O*

O: No specific regulation

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