

# Qatar Profile (2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	16.2523
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	141.856
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	9.63108
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	125.938
Households with a computer (%)	87.5788
Households with Internet access at home (%)	93.9895
Individuals using the Internet (%)	99.6528

## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Mohammad Ali Al-Mannai
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	President
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Communications 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	Ministry of Transport and Communications
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## Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	M	
Cable Television	M	
Data2014	P*	
Domestic fixed long distance	P*	P: 2010
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	P*	P: 2010
Fixed Wireless Broadband	P*	P: 2010
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2006	M	
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*	
International Gateways	P*	P: 2008
International Fixed Long Distance	P*	P: 2010
Internet Services	P*	P: 2010
Leased Lines	P*	P: 2010
Wireless Local Loop	P*	P: 2010
Local Fixed Line Services	P*	P: 2010
Mobile	C*	
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	P*	P: 2010
Paging2006	M	
VSAT	C*	
DSL	P*	P: 2010

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]	Board
Legal document creating the regulator	Emiri Decree No. (42) of 2014
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Government appropriation, percentage;
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• No
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Report to Government • Annual report to Sector Ministry
Year separate regulator created	2014

### Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2018)

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Regulator is a collegial body	No
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head).	
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters? [2007]	Yes
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2011]	not specified
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	140

### Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	O R M*	M: Ministry of Economy and Commerce: Business License, CRA: Telecom License
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op M*	M: Some rates are agreed on commercial basis and others are regulated
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)	O M*	M: Qatar Media Corporaiton
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O M*	M: Qatar Media Corporaiton
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S	
Entity in charge of Internet content	O Op M*	M: Ministry of Interior, SPs: For prohibited materials

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)

<b>Definition of universal service/access exists</b>	No
<b>Universal access/service policy adopted</b>	No
<b>Voice services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	• Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition
<b>Internet services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	• Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition
<b>Other services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	• Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Directory services as part of universal service definition
<b>Operators under universal access/service obligation</b>	• None of the above, please explain: Policy in process,
<b>Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices</b>	No

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

<b>Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations</b>	• Other Explain: Policy in process,
<b>Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service</b>	No
<b>If Yes, please explain</b>	
<b>Operational Universal Service Fund</b>	No
<b>If Yes, when?</b>	
<b>Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF</b>	
<b>Means of calculating USF contribution amounts</b>	
<b>USF financed by other sources</b>	
<b>USF budget financing by source (in percentage)</b>	
<b>Regulator administrating USF</b>	Yes
<b>If No, name the entity responsible</b>	

### Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

<b>Interconnection charging principle adopted</b>	• Symmetric
<b>If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?</b>	

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

<b>Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates</b>	B
<b>Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates</b>	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 • FDHC model

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

<b>Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services</b>	I O*	O: A proceeding to introduce Wholesale Reference Offers has been started in June 2016
<b>Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services</b>	I O*	O: RIO and RTO wholesale reference offers have been approved

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