

Solomon Islands Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	1.13807
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	73.8338
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.227921
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	17.4999
Households with a computer (%)	7.31489
Households with Internet access at home (%)	8.13203
Individuals using the Internet (%)	11.9242

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2010)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Nicholas Williams
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Telecommunications Commissioner
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Telecommunications Commission

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2010)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Communications and Aviation
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 1998)

Cable modem	
Cable Television	
Data	M
Domestic fixed long distance	M
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)	
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	
International Gateways	
International Fixed Long Distance	M
Internet Services	
Leased Lines	
Wireless Local Loop	
Local Fixed Line Services	M
Mobile	
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	
Paging	
VSAT	
DSL	

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]	Evaluation Committee
Legal document creating the regulator	Telecommunications Act 2009
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Other Indicate: Annual Report lodged in Parliament and the Budget is reviewed by an independent Evaluation Committee,
Year separate regulator created	2009

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2010)

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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?	
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority?	3 years
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	6

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2010)

Entity in charge of licensing	R	
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op	M: Set by the market but subject to regulatory overview
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		
Entity in charge of type approval	R	
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R	
Entity in charge of universal service/access	S R	
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	S R	M: TV Board licences broadcast service provision, the telecoms regulator licences the frequencies used
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	N	
Entity in charge of Information Technology	N	
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:)

Definition of universal service/access exists

Universal access/service policy adopted

Voice services included in Universal service/access definition

Internet services included in Universal service/access definition

Other services included in Universal service/access definition

Operators under universal access/service obligation

Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices

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

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations

Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service

If Yes, please explain

Operational Universal Service Fund

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: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted • Asymmetric

If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?

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

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: 2014)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators • Planning

Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services

• LRIC model

NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2014)

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