

Tuvalu Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2017)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	17.5901
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	70.3606
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	3.95778
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0
Households with a computer (%)	25
Households with Internet access at home (%)	20
Individuals using the Internet (%)	49.3183

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2001)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority

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Name of the telecom/ICT regulator Ministry of Works, Communication and Transport

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2001)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs Government of Tuvalu

Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2001)

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	M
Leased Lines ¹⁹⁹⁸	M
Wireless Local Loop	
Local Fixed Line Services	M
Mobile ¹⁹⁹⁸	M
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	M
Paging ¹⁹⁹⁸	M
VSAT	M
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:)

Regulator autonomous in decision making

Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator?

Legal document creating the regulator

Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source

Regulator also regulates other utilities

Reporting requirements of the regulator

Year separate regulator created

Structure Regulator (Latest data available:)

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Regulator is a collegial body

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?

Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2001)

Entity in charge of licensing

Entity in charge of interconnection rates Op

Entity in charge of price regulation O

Entity in charge of technical standards setting Op

Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment Op

Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement

Entity in charge of numbering Op

Entity in charge of type approval Op

Entity in charge of service quality monitoring Op

Entity in charge of universal service/access

Quality of service standards setting

Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations

Broadcasting (sound transmission)

Entity in charge of broadcasting content

Entity in charge of Information Technology

Entity in charge of Internet content

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: 2001)

Definition of universal service/access exists No

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: 2001)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations • Direct subsidy from government

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: 2015)

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 B

Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates B

LRIC: LRIC cost model

FDC: FDC cost model

B: Benchmarking

O: Other

N: None

NGN (Latest data available: 2015)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators • Planning

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

NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2015)

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

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

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