

# Lao P.D.R. Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	21.3
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	52.6
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.2
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	42.6
Households with a computer (%)	13.2
Households with Internet access at home (%)	24.5
Individuals using the Internet (%)	25.5

## Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2005)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs Ministry of Communication Transport Post and Construction

## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2014)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority

Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.

Legal document creating the regulator

Year separate regulator created 2007

Regulator also regulates other utilities

Regulator autonomous in decision making

Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator?

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

Reporting requirements of the regulator

## Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2014)

Entity in charge of licensing	S
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	S
Entity in charge of price regulation	S
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	S
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	S
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	S
Entity in charge of numbering	S
Entity in charge of type approval	S
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	S
Entity in charge of universal service/access	S
Quality of service standards setting	S
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	S

<b>Broadcasting (sound transmission)</b>	S
<b>Entity in charge of broadcasting content</b>	S
<b>Entity in charge of Information Technology</b>	S
<b>Entity in charge of Internet content</b>	S

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

### Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2014)

<b>Local Fixed Line Services2005</b>	P
<b>Domestic fixed long distance2005</b>	P
<b>International Fixed Long Distance</b>	M
<b>Mobile2005</b>	P
<b>IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)2005</b>	P
<b>Wireless Local Loop2005</b>	P
<b>DSL2005</b>	P
<b>Cable modem</b>	M
<b>Fixed Wireless Broadband2005</b>	P
<b>Leased Lines2003</b>	M
<b>International Gateways</b>	M
<b>Internet Services</b>	M
<b>Cable Television</b>	M
<b>Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)2003</b>	M
<b>Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)</b>	M
<b>VSAT</b>	M

M: Monopoly

P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)

C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)

N: N/A

### Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2014)

<b>Definition of universal service/access exists</b>	Yes
<b>Universal access/service policy adopted</b>	No
<b>Voice services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Public mobile payphone service as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>
<b>Internet services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition</li> <li>• Broadband as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>
<b>Other services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools ;</li> <li>• Health centres ;</li> <li>• Emergency services as part of universal service definition</li> </ul>

**Operators under universal access/service obligation** • All operators

**Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices** Yes

**Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2014)**

**Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations** • Other Explain: Grant aid from Germany for rural telecom,

**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**

**Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service** No

**If Yes, please explain [2003]** Grant aid from donor countries. Fund transfer from donor to Lao PDR ministry of finance (MoF) then from MoF to the operator (Lao Telecom). Priorities are set by the government.