

Nepal (Republic of) Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	2.7
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	132.2
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.9
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	45.1
Households with a computer (%)	14
Households with Internet access at home (%)	17.9
Individuals using the Internet (%)	21.4

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

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2014)

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

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

Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2014)

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

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)

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
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	
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