

Sierra Leone Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2017)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.2
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	87.7
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	25.6
Households with a computer (%)	5.6
Households with Internet access at home (%)	15.6
Individuals using the Internet (%)	13.2

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 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
---	--

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Mr Prince Alex HARDING
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONER
Legal document creating the regulator	THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
Year separate regulator created	2006
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2009]	Chairman and Commissioners
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence fees, percentage: 87%, • Numbering fees, percentage: 3%, • Spectrum fees, percentage: 10%,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Board of ICT regulator • Report to Legislature/Parliament • Annual report to Sector Ministry

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

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	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	S R Op M*	M: OPERATORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	O R M*	M: INDEPENDENT MEDIA COMMISSION
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O M*	M: INDEPENDENT MEDIA COMMISSION
Entity in charge of Information Technology	R	
Entity in charge of Internet content	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: 2018)

Local Fixed Line Services	M
Domestic fixed long distance	N
International Fixed Long Distance	M
Mobile	C
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C
Wireless Local Loop	N
DSL	M
Cable modem	N
Fixed Wireless Broadband	M
Leased Lines	M
International Gateways	C
Internet Services	C
Cable Television	N
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	N
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C
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: 2018)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice telephony services • Fixed line public payphone service as part of universal service definition • Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband as part of universal service definition

Other services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecentres as part of universal service definition • Schools ;, • Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Women and girls
---	--

Operators under universal access/service obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile operators • ISPs
--	--

Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	No
--	----

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

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal service funds
--	---

Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
---	-----

If Yes, when? [2009]	July 2009
-----------------------------	-----------

Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed-line operators • Mobile operators
---	--

Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set amount (flat rate) Amount(in local currency): Each GSM operator must contribute a sum of Le 1,280,000,000(\$160,000),
--	---

USF financed by other sources	No
--------------------------------------	----

USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceeds from telecommunication licence/concession payments percentage: 2% of annual total annual gross revenue,
---	--

Regulator administrating USF	Yes
-------------------------------------	-----

If No, name the entity responsible [2009]	Regulator and operators
--	-------------------------

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

If Yes, please explain