

Syrian Arab Republic Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	15
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	91.2
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	2.6
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	13.6
Households with a computer (%)	51.9
Households with Internet access at home (%)	45
Individuals using the Internet (%)	34.2

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 Communications and Technology
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Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Syrian Telecom Regulatory Authority (SyTRA)
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Dr. Ali Zafir
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Minister of communications and technology, Chairman of Council of Commissioners
Legal document creating the regulator	Telecom Law, Number 18 year 2010
Year separate regulator created	2011
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator?	
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence fees, percentage; • Numbering fees, percentage; • Spectrum fees, percentage; • Regulated telecom operators • Regulated telecom operators percentage:, percentage of operator revenue (turnover): 0.5%,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Report to Board of ICT regulator

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 M*	M: The sector ministry sets US policies and list of services. The regulator manages the US fund through a joint committee with the ministry
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	O	
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O	
Entity in charge of Information Technology	N	
Entity in charge of Internet content	O	

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	N	
Domestic fixed long distance	M	
International Fixed Long Distance	M	
Mobile	P*	P: 2001
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	P*	P: 2008
Wireless Local Loop	N	
DSL	P*	P: 2005
Cable modem	N	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	N	
Leased Lines	P*	P: 2005
International Gateways	M	
Internet Services	P*	P: 2005
Cable Television	N	
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	N	
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	N	
VSAT	P*	P: 2010

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
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Directory services as part of universal service definition

Operators under universal access/service obligation • Incumbent fixed line operator(s)

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 • Cross-subsidy between own services
• Universal service funds

Operational Universal Service Fund Yes

If Yes, when? [2015] 2016

Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF • Mobile operators
• ISPs

Means of calculating USF contribution amounts • Percentage of net revenues Percentage: 0.5% for mobile operators,
• Other Indicate: per subscriber fee for ISPs,

USF financed by other sources No

USF budget financing by source (in percentage) • Levies on subscribers percentage:;
• Other • Other percentage:;, please specify:;

Regulator administrating USF

If No, name the entity responsible

Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service No

If Yes, please explain