

Australia Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	32.7
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	114.2
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	27.8
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	134.9
Households with a computer (%)	82.4
Households with Internet access at home (%)	86.1
Individuals using the Internet (%)	86.5

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Minister for Communications and the Arts
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Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Ms Nerida O'Loughlin
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chair of the ACMA.
Legal document creating the regulator	The ACMA was established under the Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005.
Year separate regulator created	2005
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2010]	Legislature
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence fees, percentage; • Government appropriation, percentage; • Numbering fees, percentage; • Spectrum fees, percentage;
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to Sector Ministry • Other Indicate: Reports specified under legislation,

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	M*	M: ACCC, wholesale price regulation, but not retail
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	O R M*	M: ACMA/Industry representative body co-regulation
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	M*	M: Labelling regime applies
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	M*	M: ACCC

Entity in charge of universal service/access	S O R M*	M: Minister can make standards, rules and benchmarks. Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency) administers contracts, ACMA administers and collects the industry levy.
Quality of service standards setting	M*	M: ACCC
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R Op	
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	R	
Entity in charge of Information Technology	Op	
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: 2018)

Local Fixed Line Services	C*	P: 1991
Domestic fixed long distance	C*	P: 1991
International Fixed Long Distance	C*	P: 1991
Mobile	C*	P: 1991
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*	
Wireless Local Loop	C*	P: 1991
DSL	C*	P: 1991
Cable modem	C*	P: 1991
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*	P: 1991
Leased Lines	C*	P: 1991
International Gateways	C*	P: 1991
Internet Services	C*	P: 1991
Cable Television	C*	P: 1991
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	C*	P: 1991
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	C*	P: 1991
VSAT	C*	P: 1991

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"> • Broadband as part of universal service definition

Other services included in Universal service/access definition • Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Australia has regulatory requirements on service providers to support emergency call services, directory services and services for persons with disabilities (such as supply specific equipment). However, these are not part of the universal service regime.,

Operators under universal access/service obligation • Designated US Provider

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

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

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations • Direct subsidy from government
• Universal service funds
• Other Explain: The Australian Government contributes AU\$100m per annum and telecommunications carriers with eligible revenue over \$AU25m also pay an annual industry levy.,

Operational Universal Service Fund Yes

If Yes, when?

Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF • None of the above, please identify: Telecommunications carriers with eligible revenue over \$AU25m p.a.,

Means of calculating USF contribution amounts • Percentage of net revenues Percentage: Percentage based on each eligible carriers proportion of total eligible industry revenue,

USF financed by other sources Yes

USF budget financing by source (in percentage) • Government budget percentage: Fixed Government contribution of AU\$100m per annum as specified for earlier questions,

Regulator administrating USF No

If No, name the entity responsible [2012] ACMA responsible in past but in relation to 2012-13 FY onwards, levy will be collected by ACMA & funds disbursed by TUSMA as it manages the contract with Telstra

Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service Yes

If Yes, please explain A Government-funded National Broadband Network (NBN) will be deployed throughout Australia over the next 3 years to provide universal access to high-speed broadband services.