

Bhutan 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	86.1
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	3.2
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	93.8
Households with a computer (%)	17.7
Households with Internet access at home (%)	34.4
Individuals using the Internet (%)	48.1

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2007)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Information and Communications
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Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2016)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Bhutan InfoComm & Media Authority
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Mr. Chencho Dorji
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Director General
Legal document creating the regulator	Bhutan Information ,Communications and Media Act, 2006
Year separate regulator created	2006
Regulator also regulates other utilities	• Yes If Yes, specify utilities regulated: Cable TV operators and Radio Communications Users.,
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2007]	Ministry of Finance
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Government appropriation, percentage: 100,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report to the public • Report to Board of ICT regulator • Report to President/Head of State • Report to Government • Annual report to Sector Ministry

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2016)

Entity in charge of licensing	R
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	S 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	S
Entity in charge of type approval	R
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring2007	R



Entity in charge of universal service/access	S R
Quality of service standards setting2007	R
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	S R
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	S R
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S O R M* M: Department of Information, Technology and Telecom
Entity in charge of Internet content2007	S N

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: 2016)

Local Fixed Line Services	M
Domestic fixed long distance	M
International Fixed Long Distance	C*
Mobile	C*
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C*
Wireless Local Loop2007	M
DSL	M
Cable modem	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	C*
Leased Lines	C*
International Gateways	C*
Internet Services	C*
Cable Television	C*
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	M
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)2006	M
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: 2016)

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	• Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Telecentres as part of universal service definition • Emergency services as part of universal service definition • Directory services as part of universal service definition

Operators under universal access/service obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incumbent fixed line operator(s)• Mobile operators
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Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	No
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Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2016)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universal service funds
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Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
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If Yes, when? [2006]	by 2007
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Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile operators
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Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set amount (flat rate) Amount(in local currency);,
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USF financed by other sources	No
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USF budget financing by source (in percentage)

Regulator administrating USF	Yes
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If No, name the entity responsible [2002]	There is no Universal Service Fund
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Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	Yes
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If Yes, please explain