

Allocation of 3G mobile licences in selected countries worldwide

Country	No of licences	Mobile incumbents	Method	Date awarded	Amount bid, US\$ million
Australia	6	3	Regional auction	March 2001	610
Austria	6	4	Auction	November 2000	618
Belgium	4	3	Auction	March 2001	421.2
Czech Republic	2	2	Auction	December 2001	200
Denmark	4	3	Sealed bid auction	September 2001	472
Finland	4	3	Beauty contest	March 1999	Nominal
France	4 (2 awarded, 2 still on offer)	3	Beauty contest + fee (Auction for two outstanding licences closed in May 2002)	July 2001 (Results of revived auction due in September 2002)	4.52 billion (subsequently reduced to 553 million each, plus 1% of revenue)
Germany	6	4	Auction	August 2000	46'140
Greece	3	3	Hybrid	July 2001	414
Hong Kong, China	4	6	Hybrid	September 2001	Minimum 170 each plus royalties
Israel	3	3	Beauty contest + fee	December 2001	157.1
Italy	5	4	Hybrid	October 2000	10'180
Japan	3	3	Beauty contest	June 2000	Free
Korea (Rep.)	3	2	Beauty contest + fee	August 2001	2'886
Malaysia	3	3	Beauty contest	December 2001	Nominal
Netherlands	5	5	Auction	July 2000	2'500
New Zealand	4	2	Auction	January 2001	59.9
Norway	4	2	Beauty contest + fee	November 2000	88
Singapore	3 (+1?)	3	Cancelled auction	April 2001	165.8
Slovenia	1	2	Cancelled auction	December 2001	82.2
Spain	4	3	Beauty contest + fee	March 2000	480
Sweden	4	3	Beauty contest	December 2000	44.1
Switzerland	4	2	Auction	December 2000	119.8
Taiwan, China	5	4	Auction	February 2002	1'400
UK	5	4	Auction	April 2000	35'400
Total (25)	99 +	79	13 auctions 9 beauty contests 3 hybrid		105'330 +

Source: ITU Briefing Paper on the "Licensing of 3G Mobile" available at: <http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/ni/3G/index.html>, Comparative Assessment of the Licensing Regimes for 3G Mobile Communications in the European Union and their Impact on the Mobile Communications Sector, European Commission, Directorate-General Information Society, Final Report, 25 June, 2002, and 3GNewsroom.com at: <http://www.3gnewsroom.com/index.htm>.