

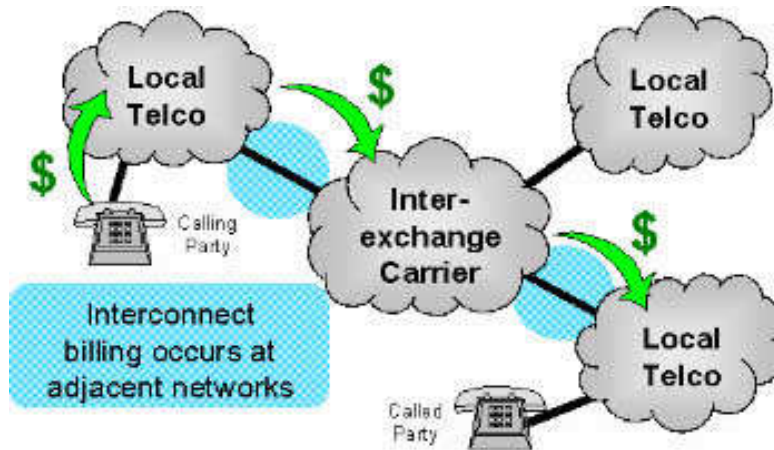


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Final Authorisation for Prices of Interconnection Services and Off-Net Retail Rates



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1. Pursuant to Section 41 of the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010 and the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Control of Prices for Interconnection Services in Fiji) Order 2018, the FCCC hereby makes the following authorisation.

Citation and commencement

2. (a) This Authorisation may be cited as Final Authorisation for Prices of Interconnection Services and Off-Net Retail Rates in Fiji and is effective from **1 October 2019**.
- (b) This authorisation applies to the amendments to the call rounding for international inbound minutes and domestic transit of inbound international calls.

Rates for the Supply of Interconnection Services

3. (a) The prices set out in Table 1 herein shall be the prices for the interconnection services in Fiji.

Table 1: Prices for Interconnection Services in Fiji

| Description | Authorised Rate per Minute (FJD) | | |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 10 June 2019 | 10 June 2020 | 10 June 2021 |
| Local Interconnection Rates: | | | |
| Mobile to Mobile Network Termination (MTM) | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| Mobile to Fixed Network Termination (MTF) | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Fixed Line to Mobile Network Termination (FTM) | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| SMS Messages (per SMS) | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| International Inbound Calls: | | | |
| International Inbound Minutes Rate (minimum) | US\$0.22 | US\$0.22 | US\$0.22 |
| Distribution of the minimum inbound rate in FJD | | | |
| Termination Rate | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Operator Handling Fees | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| Transit Carrier Fees | Balance from US\$0.22 after payment of Termination Rate and Operator Handling Fees. | | |

(b) The following settlement and call rounding mechanism will apply for **International Inbound Voice Calls**:

- (i) The transit carrier to bring international inbound minutes into Fiji at a rate not lower than US\$0.22 and the settlement process will be as follows:
- The transit carrier will pay to the network operator on which the inbound call is terminated the Termination Rate of \$0.08 and Network Operator Handling fees of \$0.26; and
 - The balance from the USD\$0.22 after payment of the above can be retained as transit margin.
 - 60-60 rounding shall apply to the international inbound calls and domestic transit of inbound international calls. Incoming international calls and national transit shall have consistent rounding to nearest minute. That is if charges for international inbound calls are to be rounded up to the nearest minute, then charges for the national transit of those same calls must also be rounded up to the nearest minute.

Maximum Off-Net Retail Rates

4. (a) The following off-net retail rates will be applicable for all call services in Fiji:

- (i) **Mobile Off-Net Rates** – *The difference between the retail rate per minute for a mobile on-net call and a mobile off-net call shall be no more than the Mobile to Mobile Network Termination (MTM) per call minute authorised by the FCCC.*
[Maximum Off-Net Rate = On Net Rate + MTM termination rate]
- (ii) **Mobile to Fixed Line Off-Net Rates** – *The difference between the retail rate per minute for a mobile on-net call and fixed line off-net call shall be no more than the Mobile to Fixed Network Termination Rate (MTF) per call authorised by the FCCC.*
[Maximum Off-Net Rate = On-Net Rate + MTF termination rate]
- (iii) **Fixed-Line to Mobile Off-Net Rates** – *The difference between the retail rate per minute for a fixed line on-net call and a mobile off-net call shall be no more than the Fixed to Mobile Network Termination rate (FTM) per call minute authorised by the FCCC.* [Maximum Off-Net Rate = On-Net Rate + FTM termination rate]

- (b) The On-Net and Off-Net billing methods are to be applied in a uniform way by the network operators. However, in cases where the operators prefer to use different billing

cycle, proportionate pricing be applied for off-net call charges. For example, if Company A sets the on-net charges per 30 seconds unit and off-net charge per minute, then a 30 seconds off-net calls, the off-net charges authorised by the FCCC per minute needs to be proportionately applied for a 30 second call as per the requirements under Section 50 of the FCCC Act 2010.

Conditions to this Authorisation

5. No changes to the above rates shall be made unless authorised by the FCCC.

Expiry of this Authorisation

6. The above authorisation will remain in force unless earlier revoked, amended, or varied by the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Commissioners/Board Members:

Made and authorised this 16th day of September 2019

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