

ORDER OF THE REGULATOR NO.2024/T02
MOBILE TERMINATION RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN
SAMOA (NEW)

Pursuant to section 36 of the *Telecommunications Act* 2005 (“the Act”) the Regulator has issued this order to extend the period of the previous *Order of the Regulator No. 2023/T01*.

On 30 June 2024, the Domestic Network Interconnection Rates Agreement between Digicel Samoa Limited (“Digicel”) and Vodafone Samoa Limited (“Vodafone”) reached its expiration date. In a joint statement dated 26th June 2024, Digicel and Vodafone agreed to retain and extend the Mobile Termination Rate (“MTR”) at 5 sene per minute for the next twelve (12) months.

However, following the vigorous regulatory review process, the Regulator has determined the new MTR to be reduced to **2 sene** (\$0.02) per minute

In accordance with section 32 (i) of the Act, and following a thorough review of the regulatory considerations, the Regulator hereby issues the following orders:

Order:

Mobile Terminating Rate (MTR):

The rate for terminating calls on any telecommunication mobile network in Samoa shall be **2 sene per minute** effective from the *date of the new Order for ‘Retail Tariffs for Mobile Services’ of Digicel Samoa Ltd and Vodafone Samoa Ltd, to the 30th June 2026.*

Application of MTR:

The rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per-week basis. The rate shall apply to calls terminating on another mobile’s network (off-net) only and where minutes are to be accumulated in increments of 6 seconds.

Fixed Termination Rate (FTR):

Digicel Samoa Ltd shall pay Vodafone Samoa Ltd **2 sene per minute** to terminate calls on its telecommunication fixed network. The termination rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per week basis.

Billing:

For inter-company billing purposes, the rate is billed ‘per minute’ and will accrue on a per 6-second basis.

Next Interconnection submission:

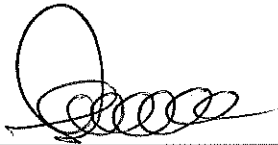
Telecommunication network service providers are required to file new interconnection rates (complete submissions) 4 weeks before the expiry of the MTR determined for the Regulator’s review and approval.

Duration of the Order:

This Order is effective from **11th September 2024** and will expire on the earlier of the following:

- (a) The end of the scheduled period from the date of effect;
- (b) Revocation of this order by the Regulator before the specified period ends; or
- (c) The issuance of a new order by the Regulator, in accordance with section 36 of the Act, which varies, extends, or cancels this order.

Date of Order: 9th September 2024



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REGULATOR