



NUMBER PORTABILITY PREFIX CODE (“NPPC”) APPLICATION

Providers of Public Electronic Communication Networks are required to be able to ‘port-out’ specific types of Telephone numbers upon request by their customers, identified in OfTel’s Number Portability Functional Specification eg. Geographic, Personal Numbering, Mobile, Freephone, Local Rate, National Rate and Premium Rate Service numbers, etc.

However, providers of Public Electronic Communication Networks also may wish to be able to ‘port-in’ Telephone Numbers of customers of other providers of Public Electronic Communication Networks.

NPPCs and Transit NPPCs allow you to port-in Telephone Numbers.

NPPCs are available as follows:

- **Geographic** (allocated in blocks of 100 NPPCs)
- **Non-Geographic** (allocated as single NPPC)
- **Personal Number** (allocated as single NPPC)
- **Non-Geographic Transit** (allocated as single NPPC)
- **Personal Number Transit** (allocated as single NPPC)
- **Mobile Numbers** (allocated as single NPPC)

NPPCs and Transit NPPCs that are allocated as single codes identify the recipient provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network. Geographic NPPCs, allocated in blocks of 100 codes, identify the recipient provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network and the relevant switch in their network.

You should apply for as many types of NPPCs to meet your requirements.

Definitions and Interpretation

1. Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, words or expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them. Otherwise, any word or expression shall have the same meaning as it has-

- (i) in the National Telephone Numbering Plan published by the Director on 22nd July 2003 pursuant to section 56 of the Communications Act 2003 (the 'Act');
- (ii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) above, and only if the context so permits, in General Condition 17 (entitled 'Allocation, Adoption and Use of Telephone Numbers') in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22nd July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act;
- (iii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, and only if the context so permits, in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22nd July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act; and
- (iv) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i), (ii) and (iii) above, and only if the context so permits, in the Act.

2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply as if this Application Form were an Act of Parliament.

(Applicants should ensure that all sections have been completed where relevant – incomplete Application Forms may not be processed within the 3-week deadline).

1. <u>Your reference (optional):</u>	
2. <u>Applicant details and date of application:</u> Your name, company name, address, direct telephone, direct fax, direct e-mail, mobile. <i>(Where you are acting on behalf of a Communications Provider (eg a consultant, solicitor, etc), and if you have not previously supplied one, you should enclose a letter from that Communications Provider confirming that you are authorised to represent it).</i>	<u>Date of application:</u>
3. <u>Communications Provider details:</u> If different from 2. above (eg where you are a consultant, solicitor, etc), provide the name and address of the Communications Provider on behalf of whom you are applying for Telephone Numbers.	

4. Declaration of ‘Public Electronic Communications Network’ or ‘Public Electronic Communications Service’

The information requested in Annex A helps OfTel to assess your eligibility to be Allocated Telephone Numbers.

If you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network:

confirm whether you have previously supplied the information requested in Annex A (or information equivalent to it), to OfTel’s Numbering Unit; or

if not, you must complete in full all relevant questions in Annex A and submit it along with this form.

If you have previously supplied the information in Annex A, then move onto the next question – you do not need to submit Annex A with this form.

If you are a provider of Public Electronic Communications Services:

you **MUST** complete all relevant questions in Annex A each time you apply for Telephone Numbers and submit it with this form.

(For providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks, please ensure you have previously supplied the information requested, before you confirm this – your application may be rejected if this is not the case).

5. Telephone Numbers (NPPC) required:

When completing the table below, you should:

- i) refer to OfTel’s Functional Specification to establish the type(s) of NPPC you require; and
- ii) OfTel will select the actual codes – you do not need to select the codes.

Type of NPPC	State ‘Yes’ for type(s) of NPPC required
Geographic	
Non-Geographic	
Personal Number	
Non-Geographic Transit	
Personal Number Transit	
Mobile Numbers	

6. Adoption of existing Telephone Numbers - NPPCs:

For each type of NPPC applied for above, you should provide details of any other NPPCs of the same type that you have been Allocated to date, and provide a justification for an additional NNPC of the same type, and Consistent with its duty in the Communications Act 2003 to secure best use of numbers OfTel requires a justification for applying for further numbering capacity of the same type.

(You should e-mail this application form to numbering.applications@oftel.gov.uk)

Form S12 - Annex A

A1. Confirmation of Status:

Oftel generally only Allocates Telephone Numbers to providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks.

Oftel may also Allocate numbers, where number resource implications do not preclude allocation, to providers of a Public Electronic Communications Service. Oftel would also normally expect to see that the provider has arrangements in place for its service to be carried over a network, and, where appropriate, would usually expect the provider to have taken reasonable steps to seek a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers of the type applied for prior to making the application.

Providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks

It is not Oftel's intention for a Communications Provider to be assessed more than once to determine whether or not it is a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network.

Therefore, please now complete question A4. If you have answered 'yes' to question A4(a), you do not need to answer questions A1 (a) and (b) below.

If you have not registered i.e. you have answered no to question A4 (a), Oftel needs certain information from you in order to determine whether or not you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network.

Please provide details of:

a) the Electronic Communications Network on which the Telephone Numbers applied for are intended to be Adopted;

(a diagram may be useful to assist Oftel in assessing your eligibility for Telephone Numbers)

b) the Electronic Communications Service which you are intending to provide over that network.

Providers of Public Electronic Communications Services

In order to determine whether or not you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Service, Oftel needs certain information from you. Please provide details of:

c) the Electronic Communications Service which you are intending to provide with the Telephone Numbers applied for. Please also provide details of the network on which the numbers you are applying for will be Adopted.

A2. Applications from providers of Public Electronic Communications Services

If you are applying for Telephone Numbers as a provider of Public Electronic Communications Services, where appropriate Oftel would usually expect your company to have already taken reasonable steps to obtain a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers of the type you are applying for from a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network.

- a) Have you taken steps to obtain a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers of the type for which you are applying? If not, would you please provide a justification for that; and
- b) If you have taken steps, would you provide a brief description of the steps you have taken, and state why did you not obtain a sub-allocation?

A3. Interconnection arrangements

Describe your Interconnection arrangements (or those of the provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network on whose network the Telephone Numbers applied for would be Adopted), if any, with other Communications Providers – a simple network diagram may be useful.

A4. Register of providers of Public Electronic Communication Networks

Oftel maintains a voluntary register of providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks.

- a) Is your company listed on this register?
- b) If so, under which name is your company registered?
- c) If different from b), what is the 'trading name' under which your company will sub-allocate the Telephone Numbers applied for in this application?

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