



## **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. Save where the context otherwise requires, words and phrases used in this Application Form shall have the same meaning as in the Communications Act 2003, the General Conditions of Entitlement set by the Director from time to time under section 42 of the Communications Act 2003, or the National Telephone Numbering Plan.
2. The Interpretation Act 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).*

<b>1. <u>Your reference (optional):</u></b>	
<b>2. <u>Applicant details and date of application:</u></b>  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>	<b><u>Date of application:</u></b>
<b>3. <u>Communications Provider details:</u></b>  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.	
<b>4. <u>Declaration of ‘Public Electronic Communications Network’ or ‘Public Electronic Communications Service’</u></b>  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	<i>(For providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks, please ensure you <u>have</u> previously supplied the information requested, before you confirm this – your application may be rejected if this is not the case).</i>

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.

**5. Telephone Numbers (NPPC) required:**

When completing the table below, you should:

i) refer to Of tel’s Functional Specification to establish the type(s) of NPPC you require; and  
 ii) Of tel 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 Of tel 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](mailto: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, in circumstances where the provider has been unable to obtain a sub-allocation from a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network and where number resource implications do not preclude allocation, to providers of Public Electronic Communications Services. Oftel would also normally expect to see that the provider has arrangements in place for its service to be carried over a network.

In order to determine whether or not you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network, Oftel needs certain information from you. 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;

Please note that 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 if you have answered yes to Question A4(a) below, you do not need to answer questions A1(a) and (b) above,

or

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.

<p><b>A2. <u>Applications from providers of Public Electronic Communications Services</u></b></p> <p>If you are applying for Telephone Numbers as a provider of Public Electronic Communications Services, Oftel would expect your company to have already taken reasonable steps to obtain a sub-allocation of Geographic Numbers from a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network.</p> <p>a) Would you explain what steps you have taken to obtain a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers, instead of the Telephone Numbers for which you are applying.</p> <p>b) Why did you not obtain a sub-allocation?</p>	
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<p><b>A3. <u>Interconnection arrangements</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>	
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<p><b>A4. <u>Register of providers of Public Electronic Communication Networks</u></b></p> <p>Oftel maintains a voluntary register of providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks.</p> <p>Would you state:</p> <p>a) whether your company is listed on this register;</p> <p>b) under which name your company is registered; and</p> <p>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?</p>	
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