



NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
Federal Republic of Somalia

Interconnection Agreements Registration Process
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Introduction

Interconnection in the Federal Republic of Somalia is mandated by the National Communication Law 2017. The National Communication Law states in Article 49 that Interconnection is a public necessity and it is vital that Licensed Telecommunication Operators in the Federal Republic of Somalia Interconnect, the National Communication Law also states in Article 51 that all Interconnection agreements must be submitted to National Communication Authority within 30 days of such an agreement being signed. The National Communications Authority is tasked in the National Communications Law with reviewing Interconnection agreements and registering Interconnection agreements, below are the steps to registering an Interconnection agreement by the National Communications Authority.

1. Licensed Telecommunication Operators in the Federal Republic of Somalia must send their interconnection agreements within 30 days of signing any Interconnection agreements.
2. Once an Interconnection agreement is signed a single copy will be sent to National Communications Authority by either party of the Interconnection agreement.
3. The National Communications Authority will contact the other party of the Interconnection agreement.
4. Interconnection agreements may be submitted:
 - A. In person by a representative of the Licensed Telecommunication Operators coming to National Communication Authority headquarters.
 - B. Electronically by sending the Interconnection agreement to the official Interconnection Department email interconnection@nca.gov.so.
5. Once an Interconnection agreement is submitted the National Communications Authority will assign the agreement a process number which will be communicated to the parties of the Interconnection agreement in order to track the process of registration of the agreement.
6. The initial review of the submitted Interconnection agreements including contacting the other parties to the Interconnection agreement will be concluded in 7 days.

7. The initial review of the submitted Interconnection agreements will also include making sure that the agreement is inline with the National Communications Law, the Interconnection regulation and the Interconnection technical guidelines.
8. The second stage of review will focus on the technical parts of the agreement including POINTS OF INTERCONNECTION(POI), MOBILE TERMINATION RATES (MTR), ACCESS, NUMBERING, FRAUD, BILLING...etc. and may be concluded in 7 days.
9. During the review process the National Communications Authority may consult with external experts.
10. Result of the reviewing process shall be one of the following outcomes:
 - A. The interconnection agreement is in line with the National Communication Law, the Interconnection regulations and the Interconnection technical guidelines, if so the Interconnection agreement will be given a registration number, be signed by General Manager of the National Communications Authority and then published on the National Communications Authority website if both parties to the Interconnection agreement agree.
 - B. The Interconnection agreement is not in line with National Communication Law, the Interconnection regulations and the Interconnection technical guidelines, then the Licensed Telecommunication Operators who are part of the Interconnection agreement will be asked to rectify the aberrant provisions within 21 days, if dispute arises with the rectifications of aberrant provisions a dispute resolution process will be established as per article 5 of the Interconnection regulation.
11. The approved Interconnection agreement must be implemented within 30 days of the Interconnection Agreement being registered by the Authority Communications Authority.
12. The National Communications Authority will follow-up with both parties of the Interconnection agreement in order to verify that the provisions of the Interconnection agreements are being fulfilled: points of Interconnection (POI) are being established by both parties, test calls are being made, billing is running regularly, fraud is being handled...etc.
13. Interconnection department must report quarterly on the interconnection agreements, its provisions and progress.