

BOTSWANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ACT
(Cap. 72:02)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1996
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ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

PARAGRAPH

1. Citation and Commencement
2. Amendment of Schedule to Cap. 72:02 (Sub.Leg.)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Works, Transport and Communications by section 30 of the Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Telecommunications (Amendment) Regulations, 1996 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st October, 1995.

Citation and
Commence-
ment

2. The Telecommunications Regulations are hereby amended by substituting for sections 3,4,25 and 26 of the Schedule thereto the following new sections —

Amendment of
Schedule to
Cap. 72:02
(Sub.Leg.)

SCHEDULE

BOTSWANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION TARIFFS EFFECTIVE 1ST OCTOBER, 1995

SECTION 3: NATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL CHARGES

3.1 ORDINARY LINES

Number of seconds per 22 Thebe Unit

	FULL RATE	REDUCED RATE
Local Call Timing	6.00min (22t/6min)	9.00min (22t/9min)
Within Zone	39sec (34t/min)	49 secs (27t/min)
Between Zones	13.2 sec (P1/min)	16.3sec (81t/min)

3.2 Coinbox Lines

Number of seconds per 25 Thebe Unit

Local Call Timing	355sec (25t/6min)	532.5sec (25t/9min)
Within Zones	38.5sec (39t/min)	48.125sec (31t/min)
Between Zones	13sec (P1.15/min)	16.25sec (92t/min)

3.3 Reduced Rate Period

Weekdays	20.00hrs to 07.00hrs
Weekends Saturday	13.00hrs to Monday 07.00hrs
Public Holidays	24 hour period

NOTE:

- 1 Applies to dialled calls only.
2. Local calls from manual exchanges are untimed

3.4. OPERATOR CONTROLLED CALLS.**3.4.1 Ordinary Lines**

Local and Within Zone
Between Zones

RATE/MIN

P0.27

P1.50

3.4.2 Coinbox lines

Local and Within Zone
Between Zones

Each 3-min

P1.50

P5.25

NOTE:

1. There is no cheap rate for Operator Assisted calls.
2. The minimum charge is 3 minutes.
3. After the minimum period Ordinary lines are charged at minute intervals.
4. After the minimum period coinbox calls are charged at three minute intervals.

3.5. AUTOMATIC ALARM CALLS.

Each Call

P0.44

3.6. MISCELLANEOUS OPERATOR SERVICE CHARGES

Person to Person Calls

P2.63

Collect Call

P2.63

Advise Duration and Charge

P2.63

SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL CHARGES**4.1 INTERNATIONAL DIRECT DIAL****4.1.1 ORDINARY LINE**

	FULL RATE	REDUCED RATE
	P/min secs/22t	P/min secs/22t
Charge Band A	P1.56 8.462	P1.25 10.560
Charge Band B	P2.10 6.285	P1.68 7.857
Charge Band C	P2.10 6.285	P1.68 7.857
Charge Band D	P5.60 2.357	P4.48 2.946
Charge Band E	P6.72 1.964	P5.38 2.453

4.1.2 Payphone Lines

	P/min secs/25t	P/min secs 25t
Charge Band A	P1.80 8.333	P1.44 10.417
Charge Band B	P2.40 6.250	P1.92 7.810
Charge Band C	P2.40 6.250	P1.92 7.810
Charge Band D	P6.44 2.329	P5.15 2.911
Charge Band E	P7.73 1.941	P6.18 2.426

NOTE:

1. Reduced rates are available as for National Calls.
2. There is no cheap rate for operator assisted calls, where IDD is available to the customer.
3. All subscribers on exchanges which cannot dial their own IDD calls will be charged the equivalent of IDD calls but with a three minute minimum.
4. Charge Bands D and E for payphones are only available for card phones.

SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALL CHARGES

4.2. OPERATOR CONTROLLED CALLS

4.2.1 ORDINARY LINES

	CHARGE PER MIN
Charge Band A	P2.50
Charge Band B	P3.30
Charge Band C	P3.30
Charge Band D	P7.92
Charge Band E	P9.60

NOTE:

1. The minimum charge is three minutes.
2. After three minutes calls are charged at one minute intervals.

4.2.2 COINBOX LINES

	CHARGE PER 3 MINS
Charge Band A	P 7.50
Charge Band B	P10.50
Charge Band C	P10.50

NOTE:

1. The minimum charge is three minutes.
2. After three minutes calls are charged in three minute intervals.

4.3. MISCELLANEOUS OPERATOR SERVICE CHARGES

Person to Person Calls.

A one minute call charge is added.

Collect Call.

A one minute call charge is added.

Advise Duration and Charge.

A one off fee of P2.63 per call.

SECTION 25: PAGING

CONNECTION.		PRODUCT CODE	CONNECTION CHARGE
PAGING SERVICE			
1. Pager Service		INST350	P80.00
RENTAL.			
		PRODUCT CODE	MONTHLY RENTAL
2. Pager Service		PAGE001	P56.00
3. Bulk Connection Discounts			
3.1			
5 to 19 pagers		PAGE002	P48.00
3.2			
20 Pagers and above		PAGE003	P44.00

NOTE:

1. The pager must be purchased from a licenced Dealer, and becomes the property of the customer.
2. The Dealer applies for connection to the service on behalf of the customer. Applications will only be accepted from licenced Dealers.
3. The subscription charge is payable in full for the month in which the customer first subscribes to the service. Thereafter the charge will cover a complete calendar month. No rebate is given if a customer is ceased during a month.
4. The connection charge is payable in full at the initial subscription, or reconnection if the customer has been ceased for whatever reason.
5. The discounted monthly rental applies to each individual pager in the group.

SECTION 26: BOTSPAC

CONNECTION.		PRODUCT CODE	CONNECTION CHARGE
1. Direct Access			
1.1. X28 Datalink			
character mode Async			
1200/2400/9600bps		INST300	P400.00
1.2 X25 Datalink			
packet mode Sync			
2400bps		INST304	P1920.00
9600bps		INST305	P1920.00
64Kbps		INST306	P3200.00

1.3	Facility Charge		
	Reconnection	INST309	P 80.00
	Modification to	INST310	P288.00
	facility	INST307	P120.00
	Closer User Group		
2.	Dial Access		
2.1	X28 Dial link.		
	1200/2400/4800/9600bps	INST303	P 80.00
2.2	Facility Charges.		
	Reconnection	INST309	P 80.00
	Modification	INST310	P 40.00

NOTE:

If a Permanent Virtual Circuit is required on an initial installation, then it is Free Of Charge (FOC). If required at a later date then it is classed as a Modification to facilities.

	RENTAL	PRODUCT CODE	MONTHLY RENTAL
3.	Direct Access		
3.1	X28 Datalink character mode, Async		
	1200bps	SPAC001	P400.00
	2400bps	SPAC002	P555.00
	9600bps	SPAC003	P768.00
3.2	X25 Datalink packet mode, Sync		
	2400bps	SPAC005	P555.00
	9600bps	SPAC006	P768.00
	64kbps	SPAC008	P2133.00
3.3	Facility Charges.		
	Closed user Group	PACK009	P40.00
	Permanent Virtual Cct	PACK010	P1600.00
4.	Dial Access		
4.1	X28 Dial link		
	All speeds up to 9600bps	SPAC004	P13.33

5.	Usage Charges		
		DURATION /HOUR	VOLUME K/SEG
5.1	Datalink Access Standard		
	National Calls	P8.00	P4.00
	Bands A&B	P16.00	P16.00
	Bands C,D & E	P24.00	P24.00
	Datalink Access D1 Rate		
	National Calls	P5.00	P 2.50
	Band A&B	P16.00	P16.00
	Band C,D & E	P24.00	P24.00
	Datalink Access D2 Rate		
	National Calls	P5.00	P2.50
	Bands A&B	P13.00	P13.00
	Bands C,D&E	P19.00	P19.00
5.2	Dial Link Access Standard		
	National Calls	P12.00	P4.00
	Bands A&B	P16.00	P16.00
	Bands C,D & E	P24.00	P24.00
	Dial Link Access D1 Rate		
	National Calls	P7.00.	P2.00
	Band A&B	P16.00	P16.00
	Band C,D &E	P24.00	P24.00

- NOTE:** 1. Line rentals are in addition to the above charges. Please see relevant sections for Private Wires and Line rentals and Installations.
2. Minimum subscription is three months.
3. Minimum charge per call —
International 1 minute + 10 segments
National 50 Thebe
4. Minimum rate based on the standard charge.
5. After the first minute charging is at six second intervals.
6. After the minimum volume charging is per segment.
7. Standard rate is Mon-Sat 08.00hrs to 18.00hrs
8. D1 rate is all other times
9. D2 rate is for users whose usage exceeds 300 kilosegments per month
International from a single network User Address.
10. One segment can contain up to 64 characters (bytes).
11. There is no usage charge for a Permanent Virtual Circuit.
12. International Call charges are inclusive of Botspac charges.

MADE this 26th day of January, 1996.

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Communications.*