

# MNC: Application and surrender



## Instructions

The ACMA allocates mobile network codes in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the *Telecommunications Numbering Plan 2015* (the Plan) taking into account relevant international agreements.

A registered carriage service provider may apply for the allocation or surrender of an MNC using this approved form.

Complete the appropriate sections to apply for or surrender a Mobile Network Code (MNC). Email the completed form to the ACMA at: [numbering@acma.gov.au](mailto:numbering@acma.gov.au)

In accordance with subsection 50(5) of the Plan an application for an MNC cannot be considered unless the charge for the allocation of the mobile network code imposed by Part 2 of the *Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act* has been paid.

### Enquiries about MNCs should be directed to:

Numbers Section

Tel: (03) 9963 6800; or

Email: [numbering@acma.gov.au](mailto:numbering@acma.gov.au).

## Applicant's details

Name of applicant


ACN or ARBN number (IF APPLICABLE)

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Registered business name (IF DIFFERENT TO ABOVE)

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Contact person

SURNAME
GIVEN NAMES

Postal address

POSTCODE

Contact details

WORK ( )
MOBILE
EMAIL

Registered business address (IF DIFFERENT)

POSTCODE

## Application purpose

Apply for numbers

Surrender numbers

## Declaration

I certify that the information provided in this application, together with any other information submitted as a part of this application, is true and correct.

I am aware that under section 136.1 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* it is an offence to knowingly make a false or misleading statement to a Commonwealth entity in connection with the making of an application.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED PERSON
DATE

PRINT FULL NAME
POSITION IN ORGANISATION

Note: The information that must be provided on or with this form is being sought for the purposes of considering applications for numbers under the Plan and to enable the ACMA to perform its telecommunications functions under section 8 of the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*.

**Information required**

Are you a registered carriage service provider as per section 122 of the Plan? If you have registered as a carriage service provider at [www.thenumberingsystem.com.au](http://www.thenumberingsystem.com.au) and accepted the terms and conditions you can tick yes.

Yes     No

The ACMA may allocate an MNC if it is appropriate in all the circumstances to do so, taking into account whether the allocation of the mobile network code would be consistent with the requirements of relevant international agreements. One such international agreement is the E.212 *The international identification plan for public networks and subscriptions*.

Generally, MNCs may only be assigned to, and used by, public networks offering public telecommunication services. Please provide information that supports the use of the MNC for this purpose including how the applicant intends to use the MNC to supply a service to the public, the nature of the service and the nature of the customers of that service. Please provide any other relevant information.


The assignment of MNCs to small geographic areas within a country is not recommended as it does not represent an efficient use of the MNC resource.

Will the MNC, if assigned, be used over a small geographic area?

Yes     No

If you answer yes, please provide additional reasons to support your application for the code.


Does the applicant already hold an MNC?

Yes     No

If yes, provide the reasons why an additional MNC is required?


**Commencement date**

Specify the date the applicant plans to commence using the MNC to assign international mobile subscriber identities to mobile terminals or of personal user identities?

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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**Temporary use only—end date**

Specify the date the applicant plans to cease using the MNC:

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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**Surrender a MNC**

Specify the date the applicant plans to cease using the MNC:

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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## General information

Mobile Network Codes (MNCs) form part of the International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI), a unique number associated with wireless mobile phone technology (e.g. GSM). The IMSI is a unique number that identifies the network to which a subscriber belongs and the location of a device (e.g. whether or not the telephone user is a local subscriber or roaming). The IMSI is also used in charging, billing and accounting.

An IMSI is a fixed length number with 15 digits. It consists of a three digit Mobile Country Code (MCC). The MCC for Australia is 505. The MCC is followed by a 2-digit or 3-digit MNC and a maximum 10-digit Mobile Station Identification Number (MSIN). MNCs in Australia are two digits in length.

The IMSI is stored in the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) or a CDMA equivalent. Only one IMSI should be assigned to each mobile terminal or mobile user. In case of multiple subscriptions (subscriptions to more than one mobile service from one or more service providers), a mobile terminal or mobile user may be assigned a different IMSI for each subscription.

The assignment of MNCs is managed by the ACMA in accordance with Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Numbering Plan, and ITU-T Recommendation E.212, the International identification plan for public networks and subscriptions.

## Applying for a MNC

**Eligibility**

Only a registered carriage service provider may apply to the ACMA for a MNC. Applications to become a CSP are made electronically at [www.thenumbering.system.com.au](http://www.thenumbering.system.com.au). Click on the CSP tab at the top of the page and select "My business supplies telecommunications services". The application charge to become a CSP is \$35.00.

**Application charge**

A separate allocation charge applies to MNC applications. The charge is \$35.00.

A Tax Invoice will be provided by email on receipt of an application. Applications will be processed upon receipt of the allocation charge. Please provide evidence once the allocation charge has been paid. The invoice contains information about how to pay by EFT, credit card, or BPay.

**Information required**

Applicants for MNCs must answer the questions in this form. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please provide detailed answers to the questions in this application, as insufficient detail will delay processing.

### **Decision on an application**

The ACMA will make a decision on the whether to assign the MNC according to section 51 of the Plan. There are no specific timeframes for making a decision however, the ACMA aim to make decisions in a timely fashion. The ACMA will notify the applicant the assignment of a MNC. The ACMA will notify the ITU of the assignment of the MNC. Applicants should note that the name of the organisation and the MNC code will be included on the register maintained by the ACMA under section 465 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.

## **Surrendering an MNC**

### **Eligibility**

The holder of a MNC may apply to the ACMA to surrender the MNC.

### **Application charge**

There is no charge to surrender a MNC.

### **Information required**

Applicants to surrender a MNC must answer the questions in this form. Please provide detailed answers to the questions in the application to assist with processing. If the ACMA receives a written notice that includes the information required on both forms this may be treated as an application.

### **Effective date of surrender**

The effective date of surrender of a MNC is the date a written notice is received by the ACMA. The ACMA will also notify the ITU of the surrender of the MNC.