



Key terms

Carrier / nominated carrier: Under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Telco Act), a carrier is an entity that holds a carrier licence granted by the ACMA. Conditions apply to carriers under the Telco Act and *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

Potentially chargeable premises: If a carrier either owns or is the nominated carrier in relation to a local access line that is not an exempt line, and the line is used to supply a designated broadband service to a premises in Australia during the whole or part of a month, the premises is deemed a potentially chargeable premises for that carrier.

Chargeable premises: Chargeable premises are potentially chargeable premises associated with a local access line of a carrier if they are not an exempt premises of the carrier for the month. Carriers will be liable to pay the charge for each chargeable premises on their networks during the whole or a part of each month in a financial year.

Designated broadband service: A carriage service supplied using a local access line in Australia that enables end-users to download communications and is technically capable of being used to supply a superfast carriage service (download speed of 25Mbps or more). Voice-only telephone services and broadcast television streaming-only services are excluded from the definition.

Exempt lines: Local access lines that are transitioning to NBN Co or being decommissioned under certain agreements are excluded from the definition of potentially chargeable premises. The following local access lines are considered exempt lines:

- lines that are transitioning to NBN Co under specified agreements
- lines that are subject of an agreement between NBN Co and specified companies providing for the deactivation or decommissioning of HFC lines
- lines that are transitioning to NBN Co where a contract was in place prior to 26 May 2020.