

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LICENCE CLASSIFICATION)
NOTICE, 2002

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 5(3) of the Telecommunications Act, 2001 (No.1 of 2001), the Minister, on recommendation from ECTEL, gives the following Notice:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LICENCE CLASSIFICATION) NOTICE, 2002

Citation 1. This Notice may be cited as the Telecommunications (Licence Classification) Notice, 2002.

Classes of licence 2. (1) There are four classes of licence as follows:

- (a) individual licence
- (b) class licence
- (c) frequency authorisation
- (d) special licence,

and the application forms for the licences are available from the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

No. 1 of 2001 (2) For the definitions of the licences prospective applicants must be guided by the information provide in the Telecommunications Act.

Services under the licences 3. (1) The following telecommunications services are classified under an individual licence:

- (a) Mobile Cellular
- (b) Fixed Public
- (c) Submarine Cable

- (d) Public Radio Paging
- (e) Internet Networks
- (f) Television Broadcast
- (g) Radio Broadcast
- (h) Community Radio
- (i) Subscriber Television
- (j) International Simple Voice Resale
(Switchless)

(2) The following telecommunications services are classified under a class licence:

- (a) Internet Service
- (b) Value Added Services
- (c) Private Networks/Services
- (d) Land Mobile
- (e) Maritime Mobile
- (f) Aeronautical Mobile
- (g) Amateur Radio
- (h) Citizen Band Radio

(3) In this section “Value Added Services” means a communications facility using common carrier networks for transmission and providing extra data features with separate equipment; services that add value to the basic telecommunications service.

Internet service 4. (1) In applying for the provision of Internet service a distinction is made between creating a network to provide Internet service and using an existing network to provide Internet service.

(2) An individual licence is required if the Internet service is provided by creating a network and a class licence is required if the service is provided by use of an existing network.

Frequency authorisation 5. (1) Frequency authorisation is needed when the proposed service requires exclusive use of specific frequencies.

(2) An application for frequency authorisation shall be made in addition to an individual, class or special licence application to provide service.

(3) The following provides the guidelines for when frequency authorisation is required:

TYPE OF SERVICE	LICENCE CATEGORY	FREQUENCY AUTHORISATION REQUIRED
Mobile cellular Networks/services	Individual	Yes
Fixed Public Networks/services	Individual	Yes
Submarine Cable Crossing/Landing	Individual	No
Public Radio Paging Network/Services	Individual	Yes
Internet Networks/Services	Individual	For Wireless Applications
TV/Radio Broadcast	Individual	Yes
Community Radio	Individual	Yes
Subscriber Television (wireless)	Individual	Yes
Internet Services	Class	For Wireless Applications

TYPE OF SERVICE	LICENCE CATEGORY	FREQUENCY AUTHORISATION REQUIRED
International Simple Voice Resale (Switchless)	Individual	No
Value Added Services <i>Includes Data Services</i>	Class	For Wireless Applications
Private Networks/Services	Class	For Wireless Applications
Aeronautical Mobile	Class	No
Maritime Mobile	Class	Yes
Land Mobile	Class	Yes
Amateur Radio	Class	No
Citizen Band Radio	Class	No
Special Licence	Special Licence	For Wireless Applications
Terminal Equipment Dealer's Certification	Terminal Equipment Dealer's Licence	No
Domain Name Registration	Agency Licence	No

(4) Generally, if the frequency bands to be used are shared by various users, no separate frequency application is required, but the licence will impose obligations with respect to the use of the band, especially in respect of harmful or other interference.

Technology providing the service

6. (1) The classes of licence that have been developed by ECTEL are technology neutral, therefore the determining factor for licence classification is the service to be provided.

(2) The licence to be issued will depend on whether a private network or a public network is being proposed.

Dated the 29th day of January 2002.

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Minister of Telecommunications, Science,
Technology and Industry