

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

2017 NO. 4

(Gazetted 31st January, 2017)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 42 (3) of the Telecommunications Act, Chapter 418, the Minister, on the recommendation of ECTEL, makes the following Order –

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTION)
ORDER, 2017

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| <p>1. This Order may be cited as the Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund Contribution) Order, 2017.</p> | <p>Citation</p> |
| <p>2. (1) A telecommunications provider shall contribute to the Universal Service Fund as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for the first year of its licence, 0.25% of its gross annual revenue; (b) for the second year of its licence, 0.5% of its gross annual revenue; (c) for the third year of its licence, 1.0% of its gross annual revenue; (d) for the fourth year of its licence, 1.5% of its gross annual revenue; (e) for the fifth year of its licence, 1.75% of its gross annual revenue; (f) for the sixth and each subsequent year of its licence, 2% of its gross annual revenue. <p>(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a telecommunications provider operating for more than three years shall contribute to the Universal Service Fund as follows –</p> | <p>U n i v e r s a l
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- (a) for the first year of the coming into force of this Order, 1.5% of its gross annual revenue;
- (b) for the second year of the coming into force of this Order, 1.75% of its gross annual revenue;
- (c) for the third year of the coming into force of this Order and each subsequent year, 2% of its gross annual revenue.

Gross annual revenue	3. The gross annual revenue referred to in section 2 is the gross revenue earned in the provision of telecommunication services for the reporting year, received by, or due to the licensee and its affiliates, from whatever source derived before any deductions for expenses, discounts, returns, or offsets of any kind except domestic interconnection payments, taxes and charges collected for and on behalf of the Government.
Due date for payment	4. The due date for payment is within forty-five days of the reporting year and shall be accompanied by a gross annual revenue report and supporting attachments that provide details of the calculation.
Repeal Cap. 418	5. The Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund Contribution) Order is repealed.

Made this 23rd day of January, 2017.

HON. CAMILLO GONSALVES
 Minister of Economic Planning,
 Sustainable Development,
 Industry, Information and Labour.

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