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COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2015

IN THE EXERCISE OF THE conferred by section 47 of the Communications Act 2015, the Regulator hereby makes the following Order —

1 Short title and Commencement

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Communications Licensing (Amendment) Rules 2019.
- (2) In these Rules, the Communication Licensing Rules 2017, shall be referred to as the “Principal Rules”.
- (3) These Rules shall come into force on the date it is published in the Gazette.

2 Section 5 amended

Section 5(1)(d)(ii) of the Principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “Schedule 3” and replacing them with “Schedule 4”

3 Section 12 amended

Section 12 of the Principal Rules is amended by inserting the words “and Schedule 4” after the words “Schedule 3”.

4 Schedule 3 amended

Schedule 3 of the Principal Rules is deleted and replaced with the following —

“SCHEDULE 3**Fees and amounts payable by network operators**

Type of fee or amount	Amount	Reference
Application fee	TOP 200	subsection 47(1)(b) of the Act
Threshold amount	TOP 250,000	subsection 36(4) of the Act
Fixed amount	TOP 2,000	subsection 36(3) of the Act
Fixed percentage	1.50%	subsection 36(5) of the Act

NOTE: These fees will expire after 3 years from the date on which they came into force (see sections 36(5)(a) of the Act). After this time, new fees will be set by an amendment to these rules.”

5 New Schedule 4 Inserted

The Principal Rules is amended by inserting the following new Schedule 4.

“SCHEDULE 4**Fees and amounts payable by service providers**

Type of fee or amount	Amount	Reference
Application fee	TOP 200	subsection 47(1)(b) of the Act
Threshold amount	TOP 125,000	subsection 43(4) of the Act
Fixed amount	TOP 1,500	subsection 43(3) of the Act
Fixed percentage	1.50%	subsection 43(5) of the Act

NOTE: These fees will expire after 3 years from the date on which they came into force (see sections 43(5)(a) of the Act). After this time, new fees will be set by an amendment to these rules.”

Made at Nuku’alofa this **6th** day of **December** 2019.

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