

MEDIA RELEASE

Removal of Off-Net Premium on Mobile Voice Calls

Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) informs consumers that beginning 1 June 2018, On-Net calls (Calls within network) and Off-Net calls (Calls from one network to the other) are charged the same rate. This means that within the same network and same package the charge for On-Net and Off-Net calls will be the same.

Removal of Off-Net premium should not be understood to mean there is one calling rate applicable across all the three networks or that Pre-paid and Post-paid calls are charged at the same rate. BTC, Mascom and Orange will continue to maintain different pricing structures in keeping with their business models. However, within the same operator and same package the charge for On-Net and Off-Net will be the same.

The removal of Off- Net premiums follows the implementation of Regulatory Directive No.1 of 2017 issued by BOCRA mandating operators to remove Off-Net premiums over a period of two years. The first phase was done on 1 June 2017. The second and final phase was done on 1 June 2018.

Approved maximum prices for the various operators are attached for consumer information. Consumers are advised to obtain prices for their various packages from respective operators.

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Approved Maximum Applicable tariffs with effect from 1 June 2018

Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC)

Table 1: Prepaid call tariffs

Prepaid rates	BTCL Mobile to BTCL Mobile	BTC mobile to Fixed	BTC mobile to other Mobile
Per Minute Rates-Voice (VAT Inc) Peak	1.32	1.32	1.32
Per Minute Rates-Voice (VAT Inc) Off-peak	0.60	0.60	0.60

Table 2: Postpaid Call Tariffs

Postpaid Packages	Price
Per Minute Rates (VAT Inc)	1.28

Customers should note that BTCL tariffs have not been affected since there were no off net premium charges.

Mascom Wireless (Pty) Ltd

Table 3: Approved Prepaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

	Call type	Peak	Off-Peak	Off-Off Peak
	Mascom to Mascom	1.20	0.60	0.45
	Mascom to fixed networks	1.20	0.60	0.45
	Mascom to Other National Mobile Networks	1.20	0.60	0.45

Table 4: Approved Postpaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

	Call Type	Peak	Off-Peak	Off-Off Peak
	Mascom to Mascom	0.96	0.55	0.45
	Mascom to fixed networks	0.96	0.55	0.45
	Mascom to Other National Mobile Networks	0.96	0.55	0.45

Orange Botswana (Pty) Ltd

Table 5: Approved Prepaid Voice call tariffs in Pula/minute

	Call Type	Peak 7am – 9pm	Off-Peak 9pm - 7 am	Sundays and Public Holidays
	Orange to Orange	1.35	0.875	0.875
	Orange to Fixed Networks	1.35	0.875	0.875
	Orange to Other National Mobile Networks	1.35	0.875	0.875

Table 6: Approved Postpaid Off-Net Tariffs in Pula/minute

ON-NET (BWP)			OFF-NET (BWP)	
PRICE PLAN	Peak VAT incl	Off-Peak VAT incl	Peak VAT incl	Off-Peak VAT incl
Sapphire	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09
Emerald	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.09
Jade	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29
Opale	1.29	1.29	1.29	1.29
Diamond	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
Ruby	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
MySim	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
Home_Broadband	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
Diamond-Charity	1.01	0.62	1.01	0.62
Least Cost Routing	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.79
Orange Staff	1.12	0.56	1.12	0.56

Table 7: Postpaid Plans Not Affected By The Price Change

ON-NET (BWP)			OFF-NET (BWP)	
PRICE PLAN	Peak VAT incl	Off-Peak VAT incl	Peak VAT incl	Off-Peak VAT incl
Titanium	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Platinum	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08
Gold	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12
White Gold	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16
Silver	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Nickel	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36
Bronze	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Corporate	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Tablet	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Business Broadband	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
M2M	1.02	0.72	1.02	0.72
Internet	1.02	0.72	1.02	0.72
Corporate Internet	1.02	0.71	1.02	0.71