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BOCRA approves reduction in Fixed Broadband Prices

In line with its mandate of facilitating provision of, among others, affordable communications services throughout the country, Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA), approved price reductions for fixed broadband internet services offered by Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) with effect from 23 June 2021.

The approval ensures reduction in prices of fixed broadband internet services by up to 40% for a 3-year package allowing consumers to access higher internet speeds at affordable rates. Table 1 below shows the approved prices for fixed broadband packages against old prices.

Table 1: Comparison of Old and New Fixed Broadband 3-Year Contract Tariffs

Fixed Broadband (3-Year Contract)	Old Monthly Charge (BWP) Excl. VAT	New Monthly Charge (BWP) Excl. VAT	PERCENTAGE REDUCTION
20Mbps	975.00	650.00	33%
50Mbps	1,985.00	1,200.00	40%
100Mbps	2,800.00	1,900.00	32%

BOCRA aims at making ICTs affordable to citizens in order to facilitate distance learning and working from home as the economy grapples with the challenges of COVID 19 Pandemic. The price reduction is therefore, in line with Government’s objective of transforming Botswana from a commodity-based economy to a knowledge based one.

BOCRA continues to enhance connectivity in Botswana to ensure that services are accessible throughout the country at affordable prices and appropriate quality. Reduction of fixed broadband internet services prices follows similar reduction of mobile data prices approved in July 2020.

According to the United Nations **2020 Affordability Report** produced by **Alliance for Affordable Internet** Botswana currently ranks No.2 in Africa in terms of affordability.

See 2020 Affordability Report at <https://a4ai.org/affordability-report/>

