

MEDIA RELEASE

ROAMING RATES REVISED DOWNWARDS

In effort to provide customers with affordable services, Mobile Operators have revised their roaming tariffs downwards for certain countries in the SADC region. This was as result of the SADC initiative to make roaming within SADC to be more affordable. BOCRA together with some other Regulatory Authorities in the region set the roaming price caps for the Mobile Operators. We are pleased that our mobile operators participated well in the SADC roaming initiatives and revised their roaming rates in reciprocal with the participating countries.

Below are the roaming rates for the different Mobile Operators in Botswana.

MASCOM WIRELESS

Customer roaming in:

ZAMBIA

Table 1: Retail Tariffs (Postpaid and Prepaid)

	MTN		AIRTEL	
	OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW
Local	2.68	2.68	13.39	7.79
Back Home	2.68	2.68	26.79	11.80
Receiving Call	2.00	2.00	7.14	3.13
SMS	1.34	1.34	3.3	1.98
DATA	8.00	8.00	N/A	N/A
Effective Date	2013		Oct-15	

NAMIBIA

Table 2: Retail Tariffs (Postpaid and Prepaid)

	MTC		TN MOBILE	
	OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW
Local	6.15	6.15	9.11	7.93
Back Home	6.15	6.15	18.49	11.90
Receiving Call	4.02	3.13	4.46	3.13
SMS	2.68	1.98	3.51	1.98
DATA	20.54	20.54	N/A	N/A
Effective Date	Oct-15		Oct-15	

ZIMBABWE

Table 3: Retail Tariffs ((Postpaid and Prepaid)

	ALL OPERATORS	
	OLD	NEW
Local	9.11	8.25
Back Home	18.49	12.74
Receiving Call	4.46	3.03
SMS	3.51	2.3
DATA	43.18	29.96
Effective Date	Oct-2015, Econet 01 Nov	
	Tariffs are the same for all the operators	

South Africa

Table 4: Prepaid tariffs are inclusive of VAT – No changes as the rates are within the price cap

	Prepaid			Postpaid			
	MTN	Cell C	8ta	MTN	Vodacom	CellC	8ta
Local	3.00	6.89	10.20	2.68	3.13	6.15	9.11
Back Home	3.00	6.89	20.71	2.68	4.46	6.15	18.49
Receiving Call	2.24	4.50	5.00	2.00	2.68	4.02	4.46
SMS	1.50	3.00	3.93	1.34	1.79	2.68	3.51
DATA	8.96	N/A	48.36	8.00	8.93	N/A	43.18
Calls to SADC*	12.00	8.03	10.20	10.71	15.00	7.17	9.11

*refers to customer a roaming customer calling to another country in the SADC region. e.g Mascom roaming customer in South Africa calling Lesotho

Orange Botswana

All rates are VAT inclusive

Table 5: Prepaid and Postpaid Roaming Rates for Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia (OLD AND NEW TARIFFS)

Old Tariff	Local Call- inside visited country	Back home call (to Botswana)	Receiving voice calls	Sending SMS	Receiving SMS	Data
		14.56	14.56	5.04	2.8	free

Call Type and Destination						
New Tariff	Local Call- inside visited country	Back home call (to Botswana)	Receiving voice calls	Sending SMS	Receiving SMS	Data
		8.15	11.74	3.15	2.07	free

Rates for calling another country while roaming in SADC

*Calls to SADC Roaming in Namibia	P8.48
Calls to SADC Roaming in Zambia	P16.85
Calls to SADC Roaming in Zimbabwe	P14.24

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Table 6: Prepaid and Postpaid roaming Rates for South Africa

Call Type and Destination						
	Local Call- inside visited country	Back home call (to Botswana)	Receiving voice calls	Sending SMS	Receiving SMS	Data
	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.20	free	14.50

Rates are within the Price caps and therefore no Changes

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Table 7: Retail Tariffs (Postpaid and Prepaid)

one Visited location	local call to visited country	back home (Botswana)	SADC	receiving calls	sending sms	receiving sms	Data	
Zone 1	4.00	6.50	10.00	4.00	3.00	free		
Zone 2	6.00	15.00	15.00	4.00	3.00	free		
Zambia	6.00	11.48	15.75	3.05	1.93	free	20.32	new
Zimbabwe	6.00	12.40	13.31	3.96	2.24	free	29.16	new
Namibia	6.00	10.97	7.93	4.00	2.13	free	24.08	new

Tariffs are exclusive of VAT

Zone 1: Lesotho, South Africa, Swaziland and Mozambique (Rates have not changes since there are within the ceiling)

Zone 2: Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia

Prevention of Mobile Bill Shock

Consumers are advised to manage their talk time while roaming to avoid bill shocks.