

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 11

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, CHAP. 47:31

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUTHORITY
UNDER SECTION 78(1) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT AND
SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2019

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Telecommunications Citation
(Universal Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
2. In these Regulations, “the Regulations” means the Telecom- Interpretation
munications (Universal Service) Regulations, 2015. L.N. No. 63 of
2015
3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended— Regulation 2
amended
 - (a) by deleting the definition of “community access centres”; and
 - (b) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical sequence the
following new definitions:

“Universal Access” means the ability of the entire
population to access affordable basic telecommunications
services either on an individual or shared basis, as far
as reasonably practicable;

“Universal Service Committee” means the committee
established pursuant to regulation 14;”.
4. Regulation 3 of the Regulations is amended in subregulation Regulation 3
(3)(a), by deleting the word “recurrent”. amended
5. Regulation 13 of the Regulations is amended in subregulation Regulation 13
(2), by deleting the word “sub-section” and substituting the word amended
“subregulation”.
6. Regulation 14 of the Regulations is amended— Regulation 14
amended
 - (a) in subregulation (3), by deleting the word “subsection” and
substituting the word “subregulation”;
 - (b) in subregulation (4), by inserting after the words “meeting of
the”, the words “Universal Service”;

- (c) in subregulation (5), by inserting after the words “Decisions of the”, the words “Universal Service”; and
- (d) in subregulation (7)—
- (i) in the chapeau by inserting after the words “subregulaion (1), the”, the words “Universal Service”; and
- (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the word “Contractual”.
- Regulation 16 amended 7. Regulation 16 of the Regulations is amended by revoking subregulation (4).
- Regulation 23 amended 8. Regulation 23 of the Regulations is amended in subregulation (3) by inserting after the words “invoices to the”, the words “Universal Service”.
- Regulation 24 amended 9. Regulation 24 of the Regulations is amended—
- (a) in subregulation (1)—
- (i) by inserting after the words “provision of services”, the words “for Universal Service initiatives”; and
- (ii) by deleting the words “to community access centres”; and
- (b) in subregulation (2)(a), by deleting the word “sated” and substituting the word “stated”.
- Schedule 2 amended 10. Schedule 2 of the Regulations is amended—
- (a) in the heading by inserting after the words “Universal Service”, the word “Fund”; and
- (b) in the second item, by deleting the word “service” and substituting the word “services”.
- Schedule 3 amended 11. Schedule 3 of the Regulations is amended—
- (a) in the third column, in the heading, by deleting the word “Recurrent”;
- (b) in item 2—
- (i) in the first column—
- (A) in the chapeau, by deleting the word “modes”, and substituting the words “nodes and other related equipment”;
- (B) in paragraph (c) by deleting the words “; and” and substituting the words “and health centres;”;

- (C) in paragraph (d), by deleting the word “.” and substituting the words “; and”; and
 - (D) by inserting after paragraph (d), the following new paragraph:
 - “(e) waiting areas at public transport hubs.”;
 - (ii) in the second column, by deleting the word “No” and substituting the word “Yes”;
 - (iii) in the third column by inserting the words “To be determined by the Authority on a case by case basis, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.”; and
 - (iv) in the fourth column, by deleting all the words and substituting the words “Nodes such as pay phones, internet kiosks and access points.”; and
- (c) in item 3—
- (i) in the first column—
 - (A) in the chapeau by deleting the words “access connectivity” and substituting the word “Access”; and
 - (B) in paragraph (c), by inserting after the word “hospitals”, the words “and health centres”; and
 - (ii) in the fourth column by deleting the word “Rate” and substituting the word “rate”.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2019.

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