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Paging Numbering Scheme

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1. About this Document

This document describes the designations and allocations of paging service numbers. It also describes plans for migration from numbers currently used for paging which are outside this plan, to numbers within the plan. This document is a supplement to the national numbering scheme¹

2. Use of Paging Numbers

Paging numbers may only be used to individually identify radio paging receivers. Paging numbers may not be allocated or used other than in accordance with this plan.

3. Designation of Paging Numbers

The Director has designated ten four-digit access codes to provide access to paging services, as listed below.

Paging Access Codes
0820
0821
0822
0823
0824
0825
0826
0827
0828
0829

Each of these access codes will be suffixed by a six-digit subscriber numbering range, providing 10 million subscriber numbers in total.

4. Allocation of Paging Subscriber Numbers

Individual subscriber numbers are allocated to customers in a two stage process, *primary* allocations of blocks of subscriber numbers are made to paging service providers licensed under section 111(3) of the Postal and Telecommunications Services Act, 1983 (as amended), from which the service provider makes *secondary* allocations of individual numbers to customers. Paging service providers may only make secondary allocations to customers from the blocks which have been

¹Irish Telephony Numbering Scheme, Status Report ODTR Doc. 99/04

specifically allocated to them for that purpose. Primary allocations are normally made in blocks of 10,000 numbers.

The Director may attach specific conditions to any primary allocation.

5. Numbering Changes

Scheme Changes

While changes to the national numbering scheme are minimised, the liberalisation of telecommunications and the development of new services has created new demands on the national numbering resource. The national numbering scheme will be required to change to meet these requirements, in accordance with the national numbering conventions. Increasing harmonisation - throughout Europe in particular - will also bring demands for changes to the national numbering scheme. For these reasons, all numbering allocations are subject to change or recovery.

Subscriber Number Changes

With the exception of changes to numbers required as part of the ongoing management of the numbering resource, changes for specific technical reasons, or to facilitate a customer, changes to individual subscriber numbers should be carried out in accordance with the national numbering conventions.

6. Migration of Current Numbers

Access to paging services is currently provided by Telecom Eireann using three different types of numbering, Geographic (01 area) Premium Rate (1550) and Paging (082 + six digits). These numbers will migrate over to the current plan as described in the table below.

7. Scheme of MPNS Allocations

The current scheme of paging number allocations is specified in the following table along with planned changes to the scheme. In this table:

Free - means the number block is available for allocation.

X is used to represent all digits from 0 to 9 inclusive.

Access	Number Block	Status
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Code		
0820	All Blocks	Free
0821	0X XXXX	Free
	1X XXXX to 9X XXXX	In transition to 0822. For withdrawal by ????
0822	10 XXXX to 17 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from 082 1X XXXX
	18 XXXX & 19 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, to be reclaimed, date not set
	20 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
	21 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	22 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
	23 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
	24 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	25 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	26 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	27 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	28 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
	29 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
	0822	30 XXXX
31 XXXX		Free, (note 1)
32 XXXX		Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
33 XXXX		Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
34 XXXX		Free, (note 1)
35 XXXX		Free, (note 1)
36 XXXX		Free, (note 1)
37 XXXX		Free, (note 1)
38 XXXX		Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic
39 XXXX		Telecom Eireann, transfers from geographic

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Access Code	Number Block	Status
0822	40 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	41 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	42 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from Premium Rate
	43 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from Premium Rate
	44 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from Premium Rate
	45 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	46 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	47 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from Premium Rate
	48 XXXX	Telecom Eireann, transfers from Premium Rate
	49 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
0822	50 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	51 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	52 XXXX	Telecom Eireann Alphanumeric
	53 XXXX	Telecom Eireann Alphanumeric
	54 XXXX	Telecom Eireann Alphanumeric
	55 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	56 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	57 XXXX	Telecom Eireann Alphanumeric
	58 XXXX	Telecom Eireann Alphanumeric
	59 XXXX	Free, (note 1)
	6X XXXX to 9X XXXX	Free, (note 1)
0823	All Blocks	Free
0824	All Blocks	Free
0825	All Blocks	Free
0826	All Blocks	Free

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Access Code	Number Block	Status
0827	All Blocks	Free
0828	All Blocks	Free
0829	All Blocks	Free

Note 1

While a majority of Paging Access Codes remain free, allocations of number blocks to service providers other than Telecom Eireann should be made from outside the range 0822 XXX XXX.