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From 1st June 1999 the telephone numbering scheme in Northern Ireland is being reorganised. The new scheme will have a uniform three-digit access code followed by an eight-digit customer number.

To coincide with this, the dialling procedures when calling Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic will also change. A new access code will be introduced. Callers from the Irish Republic will simply need to dial 048 followed by the new local customer number in Northern Ireland. The prefixes that will be in place throughout Northern Ireland may be found on the OFTEL (Office of Telecommunications UK) web site at the following address:

http://www.oftel.gov.uk/numbers/ni198.htm

The old and new dialling arrangements will run in parallel until September 2000, at which time the use of old codes and numbers will cease.

Further details will be made available through your own telecommunications service provider.

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