



Office of the Director of
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Regulation**

INFORMATION NOTICE

**Interconnection Rates in the Irish
Telecommunications Sector:**

**Interim Rates to apply from 1 October 2001
to 31 March 2002 & 1 April 2002 to 31
March 2003**

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1. Introduction

This information notice considers interim interconnection rates applicable for the periods between 1 October 2001 to 31 March 2002 and 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

Interconnection rates for the period from 1 October 2001 to 31 March 2002 were set and announced during July 2001 on an interim basis for this period. Eircom has provided the ODTR with a revised interim RIO submission for this period. The Director of Telecommunications Regulation (“the Director”) has undertaken a preliminary review of these rates and is proposing that these rates be set as the second interim rates for the period. Appendix 1 sets out these interim interconnect rates which will apply for the period from 1 October 2001 to 31 March 2002.

In their submission, *eircom* also proposed to set new interim rates for the 12 month period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003. The Director has undertaken a preliminary review of these rates and is proposing that these rates be set as the new interim rates for the period. Appendix 2 sets out these interim interconnect rates which will apply for the 12 month period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

The Director considers that the above rate changes be effected immediately and be applied retrospectively and settlement of arrears arising from the movement in RIO rates should be settled within 45 days.

While the ODTR has undertaken a preliminary review of these submissions provided by *eircom*, additional work and a more extensive review of these interim submissions will be undertaken in the coming month. The Director considers that the revised RIO rates will provide an immediate benefit to the market.

APPENDIX 1: Interim Interconnection Rates for period from 1 October 2001 to 31 March 2002.

Call Termination

	Day Cost/Min	Evening Cost /Min	Weekend Cost /Min	Day Cost/Call	Evening Cost/Call	Weekend Cost/Call
Primary	0.381	0.212	0.190	0.629	0.350	0.314
Tandem	0.657	0.366	0.328	0.814	0.454	0.407
Double Tandem	0.946	0.527	0.473	0.907	0.506	0.453

Call Origination

	Day Cost/Min	Evening Cost /Min	Weekend Cost /Min	Day Cost/Call	Evening Cost/Call	Weekend Cost/Call
Primary	0.368	0.205	0.184	0.606	0.338	0.303
Tandem	0.652	0.363	0.325	0.797	0.444	0.398
Double Tandem	0.829	0.462	0.414	0.854	0.476	0.427

Transit

	Day Cost/Min	Evening Cost /Min	Weekend Cost /Min	Day Cost/Call	Evening Cost/Call	Weekend Cost/Call
Transit	0.233	0.130	0.116	0.528	0.294	0.264

Euro/cents per minute

APPENDIX 2: Interim Interconnection Rates for period from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

Call Termination

	Day Cost/Min	Evening Cost /Min	Weekend Cost /Min	Day Cost/Call	Evening Cost/Call	Weekend Cost/Call
Primary	0.306	0.171	0.153	0.818	0.456	0.409
Tandem	0.545	0.304	0.272	1.039	0.579	0.519
Double Tandem	0.819	0.456	0.409	1.136	0.633	0.567

Call Origination

	Day Cost/Min	Evening Cost /Min	Weekend Cost /Min	Day Cost/Call	Evening Cost/Call	Weekend Cost/Call
Primary	0.298	0.166	0.149	0.791	0.441	0.395
Tandem	0.542	0.302	0.271	1.013	0.564	0.506
Double Tandem	0.725	0.404	0.362	1.060	0.591	0.530

Transit

	Day Cost/Min	Evening Cost /Min	Weekend Cost /Min	Day Cost/Call	Evening Cost/Call	Weekend Cost/Call
Transit	0.212	0.118	0.106	0.663	0.370	0.331

Euro/cents per minute