



## ACMA sets 2008 annual numbering charges

**ACMA is required to collect a set amount of revenue each year from carriage service providers (CSPs) who hold telephone numbers.**

**Preparations are now under way for the 2008 annual numbering charges (ANC) to be collected. As in each year since 1999, the revenue target for 2008 is \$60 million.**

ACMA administers annual numbering charges under the *Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997*, the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and a series of four determinations made by ACMA under the Act. The determinations set the following parameters for the annual numbering process:

- the date of imposition of the charge (or census date)
- the formula by which the charge is to be imposed on numbers and the types of numbers that will be exempt from charge
- the due date for payment
- late payment penalty provisions.

Under the numbering charge process, CSPs are liable for the charges for the numbers they hold on the census date in April each year. In 2008, the census date is Sunday 6 April.

The amount of charge imposed on a particular number depends on its length and the type of

service that is provided. A standard charge is set for a 10-digit number and this amount is increased by a factor of 10 for each digit reduction in the number's length. The maximum amount that can be imposed on any one number is \$100,000. Numbers that are used to provide certain low-revenue or no-revenue services such as testing numbers are charged at a discounted rate.

The formula used to ascertain the annual numbering charges has been published in the *Telecommunications (Annual Charge) Determination 2007 (No. 2)*. This formula may be used in conjunction with the base number charge to ascertain the actual amount of charge for a number of a given length.

The base number charge will be calculated each year after the census date and published on the ANC section of the ACMA website. The amount to be paid for numbers of differing lengths will also be published.

The standard charge applied in 2007 was \$0.86. This meant that 10-digit numbers such as mobile numbers were charged at approximately \$0.86 each, nine-digit numbers were charged at \$8.60 each, eight-digit numbers were charged at \$86.00 each and so on. The amount of the standard charge for 2008 will be determined after the census date.

ACMA has advised CSPs about the details of the 2008 annual numbering charges process and will continue to provide information to CSPs during the process.

More information is available on ACMA's website at [www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au) (go to For licensees & industry: Licensing & regulation > Telecommunications: Telecommunications regulation > Numbering > Annual numbering charges) or contact ACMA's Numbering Team on telephone 03 9963 6705 or email [numbering@acma.gov.au](mailto:numbering@acma.gov.au).

## Children's and preschool programs granted classification, December 2007 – January 2008

Program title	Series	Episode description	Program style	Program type	Country of origin	New/renewal	Class	Decision date	Applicant
<i>For Kids</i>	1	FK001-FK026	Live Action	Light Entertainment – Magazine	Australia	New	P	13/12/07	Gravity TV
<i>Head of the Class</i>	1	1-130	Live Action	Light Entertainment – Competition /Game Show	Australia	New	PRC	15/01/08	Hogg Enterprises Pty Ltd
<i>Kids Top 20</i>	1	1-40	Live Action	Light Entertainment – Variety	Australia	New	PRC	23/01/08	The Creative Farm Pty Ltd
<i>Li'l Larikkins</i>	1	1-52	Animation	Drama – Series	Australia	New	PRC	15/01/08	Ettamogah Entertainment
<i>Master Raindrop</i>	1	101-126	Animation	Drama – Series	Australia	New	CD	7/12/07	Flying Bark Productions Pty Ltd
<i>The Elephant Princess</i>	1	9-15	Live Action	Drama – Series	Australia	New	CD	10/12/07	Jonathan M Shiff Productions Pty Ltd

Class – Classification, C – C Classification, CD – C Drama, P – P Classification, PRC – Provisional C, PRP – Provisional P  
A classification expires five years after the date it was granted or renewed.