



# annual NUMBERING charges in 2009

ACMA collects a set amount of revenue each year from carriage service providers (CSPs) who hold telephone numbers. Preparations are now underway to collect the 2009 annual numbering charge (ANC). As for each year since 1999, the revenue target for 2009 is \$60 million.

ACMA administers the ANC under the *Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997*, the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and a series of four determinations made by ACMA under these acts.

The determinations set the following parameters for collecting the ANC:

- the census date (date of imposition of the charge)
- the formula to calculate the amount of charge per number and the types of numbers exempt from the ANC
- the payment date
- penalty provisions for late payment.

CSPs are liable for charges for the numbers they hold (except geographic, international signalling point codes, and telex numbers) on the census date in April each year. In 2009, the census date is **Sunday 5 April**.

The charge imposed on a particular number depends on its length. A base number charge

is set for a 10-digit number and this amount is increased by a factor of 10 for each reduction by one digit in the number's length. The maximum amount that can be imposed on any one number is \$100,000. Numbers that CSPs use 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 ANC is set out in the *Telecommunications (Annual Charge) Determination 2007 (No. 2)*. Calculating it together with the base number charge will ascertain the actual amount of charge for any specific number of a given length.

The base number charge is calculated each year after the census date and published in the ANC section of the ACMA website. The amount to be paid for numbers of differing lengths is also published. The base number charge for 2008 was \$0.81. This meant that 10-digit numbers such as mobile numbers were charged

at \$0.81 each, nine-digit numbers were charged at \$8.10 each, eight-digit numbers at \$81.00 each and so on.

An estimation of the base number charge for 2009, calculated at 20 January 2009, was \$0.770292245. The final base number charge will vary from this amount depending on new number allocations and surrenders between this date and the census date.

ACMA has advised CSPs about the details of the 2009 ANC process.

#### Important dates for annual numbering charges in 2009:

- census date: **5 April 2009**
- embargo on the surrender of numbers subject to ANC: **commences 16 March 2009**
- invoices dispatched by ACMA: **late April 2009**
- payment date for CSPs: **no later than 15 June 2009**.

Note: late payment penalty will apply to any payments made after 15 June 2009.

Further information is available on the ACMA 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 **(03) 9963 6800** or by email at [annualnumberingcharges@acma.gov.au](mailto:annualnumberingcharges@acma.gov.au).