

Licensing of Mobile Services for Implementation of Real-name Registration Programme for Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) Cards




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Real-name Registration (“RNR”) Programme

❖ The [Telecommunications \(Registration of SIM Cards\) Regulation](#) (“Regulation”) took effect on 1 September 2021 to implement the RNR programme which applies to -

-  holders of Unified Carrier Licence (“UCL”)
-  holders of Services-based Operator Licence (“SBOL”); and
-  persons falling under the Class Licence for Offer of Telecommunications Services (“CLOTS”)

who supply or offer local mobile services through SIM cards primarily for person-to-person communications.

❖ To provide practical and administrative guidance to the relevant licensees, the Communications Authority (“CA”) issued the [Guidelines on Implementation of Real-name Registration for SIM Cards](#) (“RNR Guidelines”).

RNR Implementation



❖ Timeline



❖ Actions by OFCA –

- ✓ Examining licensees' registration systems and procedures
- ✓ Arranging demonstrations and testing of such systems
- ✓ Taking enforcement actions against non-compliant licensees

- ❖ As of 30 June 2022, 30 licensees supplying or offering pre-paid SIM cards to the market have established **electronic registration platforms** as required in the RNR Guidelines

RNR Implementation from Licensing Perspective – for New Service Providers

OFCA has updated the relevant licensing guidelines where -

an applicant for a **new UCL or SBOL** who intends to supply a local telecommunications service through SIM cards subject to the Regulation

a person who intends to offer in the course of business under **the CLOTS** a local telecommunications service through SIM cards subject to the Regulation

shall provide an **implementation plan** for RNR for SIM cards

shall **register** its business information with the CA pursuant to condition 5.1 of the CLOTS

shall **demonstrate** to the satisfaction of OFCA that it has put in place a **registration system** which is in compliance with the Regulation and RNR Guidelines

before a UCL/SBOL can be granted

before the service can be offered under the CLOTS

RNR Implementation from Licensing Perspective – for Existing Service Providers

OFCA has put in place a new administrative arrangement where -

a UCL, SBOL or CLOTS Licensee, who is **not** supplying or offering a local telecommunications service through SIM cards subject to the Regulation **but intends to do so**



shall **demonstrate** to the satisfaction of OFCA that it has put in place a **registration system** which is in compliance with the Regulation and RNR Guidelines **before** supplying or offering the service



if the licensee intends to supply or offer a local telecommunications service through **prepaid SIM cards** but its previous demonstration to OFCA was for service plan SIM cards only



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Thank You

