



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 06 - 07 - 2016

SUBJECT: LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 4-DIGIT EXCHANGE CODES FOR AREA CODE "02"

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7925, Executive Order 546, s. 1979 and in order to rationalize the existing 3-digit exchange codes and address the insufficient number of assignable exchange codes, the National Telecommunications Commission (Commission) hereby ORDERS the lifting of the suspension of the implementation of the 4-digit exchange codes in area code "02" pursuant to MC 04-02-2002. The Commission further ORDERS the following:

- a. All concerned public telecommunications entities (PTEs) shall migrate to 4-digit exchange codes.
- b. All existing seven (7) digit telephone numbers will be migrated to 9-digit telephone numbers. Each PTE operating and providing local telephone service within the "02" local exchange area shall be assigned a code from digit "2" to "8" to be affixed at the beginning of the 4-digit exchange code to serve as PTE identifier.
For example: if the existing telephone number is "3456789" the new telephone number will be "823456789", where digit "8" is the PTE identifier, "2345" is the 4-digit exchange code, and "6789" is the subscriber number.
- c. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Circular, the Commission shall assign PTE identifier to each of the PTEs operating within the local exchange area "02".
- d. For a period of sixty (60) days prior to the migration to the 4-digit exchange codes, the concerned PTEs shall use recorded messages to direct users/subscribers on the use of the new exchange code and the PTE identifier code.
- e. All concerned PTEs shall design and implement a common public information drive.
- f. Codes "9000" to "9199" shall be allocated as special codes.
- g. Code "911" shall be made available for the use of the Philippine Government.
- h. Codes "9200" to "9999" shall be allocated as additional mobile network access codes.

Circulars, rules, regulations, orders or any parts thereof inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed, superseded or amended accordingly.

This Circular takes effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing of three (3) certified copies with the UP Law Center.

Quezon City, Philippines, July 21, 2016


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