



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
No. 04-07-2018

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06-07-2016, LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 4-DIGIT EXCHANGE CODES FOR AREA CODE "02".**

WHEREAS, Sec. 5 (b) of Republic Act No. 7925 and Executive Order No. 546 s. 1979, provides that the National Telecommunications Commission is vested with the power to ensure quality, safety, reliability, security, compatibility and inter-operability of telecommunications facilities, and to address the insufficient number of assignable exchange codes;

WHEREAS, the Commission pursuant to its objective to efficiently allocate exchange codes in area code "2", issued Memorandum Circular No. 04-06-98, Adoption of 4-Digit Exchange Codes for Area Code "2".

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Memorandum Circular No. 06-07-2016, Lifting the Suspension of the Implementation of the 4-Digit Exchange Codes for Area Code "02" ; and pursuant to the said memorandum circular, the Commission shall assign Public Telecommunications Entity (PTE) identifier to each of the PTEs operating within the local exchange area "02".

WHEREAS, the Commission invited PTEs to consultation meetings where they were requested to submit their comments or proposals to ensure efficient use of the identifiers and minimal disruption of service in the migration to 4-digit exchange codes;

WHEREAS, the Commission, issued MO 10-10-2017, Public Telecommunications Entity (PTE) Identifier within local exchange code "02";

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted further consultations and hearings on the subject;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7925 and Executive Order No. 546 s. 1979, hereby sets forth the following guidelines in the assignment of PTE identifier to each of the PTEs operating and providing local telephone service within the local exchange area "02".

- a. All existing 7-digit telephone numbers shall be migrated to 8-digit telephone numbers, instead of 9-digit telephone numbers. Each PTE operating and providing local telephone service within the local exchange area "02" shall be assigned a number from digit "3" to "8" to be affixed at the beginning of the 3-digit exchange codes to serve as PTE identifier.
- b. For the purpose of this Order, the following PTE Identifiers are assigned as follows:

PTE Identifier	PTE
3000-YYYY to 3499-YYYY	Bayan Telecommunications, Inc.
3500-YYYY to 3999-YYYY	Vacant

4XXX-YYYY	Vacant
5000-YYYY to 5299-YYYY	Vacant
5300-YYYY to 5799-YYYY	Eastern Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.
5800-YYYY to 5999-YYYY	Vacant
6000-YYYY to 6699-YYYY	ABS-CBN Convergence, Inc.
6700-YYYY to 6999-YYYY	Vacant
7XXX-YYYY	Globe Telecom, Inc./ Innove Communications, Inc.
8XXX-YYYY	PLDT, Inc./ Digital Telecommunications Philippines, Inc.

- c. Three (3) months prior to the start of migration, all concerned PTEs shall conduct media campaigns/information drive to notify the public on the new numbering plan/format by way of bill inserts, telephone call outs, television and radio broadcast, print and social media and other available means.
- d. All concerned PTEs shall ensure that during migration, hotline numbers shall be available to assist the subscribers/users.
- e. After migration to new number format, all concerned PTEs shall properly advise their subscribers / users through recorded announcements on the use of the new exchange codes and the PTE Identifiers for a period of Three (3) months.
- f. All concerned PTEs are directed to design and implement a common recorded announcement.
- g. All 7-digit telephone numbers shall be migrated to 8-digit telephone numbers not later than 31 March 2018.
- h. Requests for new exchange codes shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

Any Circular, Order, or any part thereof inconsistent herewith is deemed amended and/or superseded accordingly.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and three (3) certified true copies furnished the UP Law Center.

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