

Commonwealth of Australia

*Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*

**Universal Service Subsidies (2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04  
Default Area) Determination (No. 1) 2001**

I, RICHARD KENNETH ROBERT ALSTON, Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, make the following Determination under subsection 16(1) of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

Dated 28 September 2001.

RICHARD ALSTON  
Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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**1 Name of Determination**

This Determination may be cited as the *Universal Service Subsidies (2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 Default Area) Determination (No. 1) 2001*.

**2 Commencement**

This Determination commences on gazettal.

**3 Definitions**

In this Determination:

*Act* means the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*.

*claim periods* means:

- (a) the 2001-2002 financial year;
- (b) the 2002-2003 financial year; and
- (c) the 2003-2004 financial year.

***default area*** means the area for which the Minister is taken to have made a determination as a result of subsection 9G(3) of the Act.

***relevant service obligations*** means:

- (a) the obligation referred to in paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act (dealing with the standard telephone service); and
- (b) the obligation referred to in paragraph 9(1)(b) of the Act (dealing with payphones).

***standard telephone service*** includes an alternative telecommunications service (ATS) which is supplied in accordance with an approved ATS marketing plan in fulfilment of the obligation under paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act.

#### **4 Universal service subsidies**

For the purposes of section 16 of the Act, the amounts of the universal service subsidies specified in the Schedule are determined for the default area in respect of the relevant service obligations for the claim periods.

Note: Subsection 9G(3) of the Act provides that if at a particular time any areas of Australia are not within a universal service area, covered by a determination under subsection 9G(1), in respect of a service obligation, those areas together constitute at that time a single universal service area in respect of that service obligation and the Minister is taken to have made a determination under subsection 9G(1) to that effect.

#### **5 Circumstances in which subsidies are payable**

A universal service provider for a claim period is eligible to be paid the subsidies specified in the Schedule if the provider complies with the provider's obligations under section 12C of the Act.

**Schedule – Universal service subsidies**

1. The subsidy in respect of the supply of the standard telephone service for the 2001-2002 financial year is \$160,592,774.
2. The subsidy in respect of the supply, installation and maintenance of payphones for the 2001-2002 financial year is \$10,160,000.
3. The subsidy in respect of the supply of the standard telephone service for the 2002-2003 financial year is \$163,978,541.
4. The subsidy in respect of the supply, installation and maintenance of payphones for the 2002-2003 financial year is \$10,398,000.
5. The subsidy in respect of the supply of the standard telephone service for the 2003-2004 financial year is \$169,407,828.
6. The subsidy in respect of the supply, installation and maintenance of payphones for the 2003-2004 financial year is \$10,641,575.