

FAQ Section:

1. What are the different applications that can be made using this portal

Ans: It comprises of the following:

- Unified License (UL)
- Unified License (VNO)
- OSP Registration

2. What are the services for which Unified Licence can be applied for?

Ans: Unified Licence can be applied for the following services:

- a. Unified License (All Services)
- b. Access Service (Service Area-wise)
- c. Internet Service (Category-A with All India jurisdiction)
- d. Internet Service (Category-B with jurisdiction in a Service Area)
- e. Internet Service (Category-C with jurisdiction in a Secondary Switching Area)
- f. National Long Distance (NLD) Service
- g. International Long Distance (ILD) Service
- h. Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) Service
- i. Public Mobile Radio Trunking Service (PMRTS)Service
- j. Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) Closed User Group (CUG) Service
- k. IN SAT MSS-Reporting (MSS-R) Service.

Unified Licence(VNO) can be applied for above services and in addition to above for Resale of IPLC also.

3. Who can apply for UL and UL(VNO)?

Ans: UL and UL(VNO) can be applied by Indian companies except for Access Service Cat B authorisation under UL(VNO) which can be applied for by Indian companies, partnership firm, proprietorship firm, Shops and establishment and legal person.

4. What is the duration of UL and UL(VNO)?

Ans: The duration of UL is for 20 years and that of UL(VNO) is 10 years.

5. How to submit processing fees ?

Ans: The processing fees which is non-refundable in nature may be submitted online through Bharatkosh via link <https://bharatkosh.gov.in/>

6. How much processing fees, entry fees, Bank Guarantees, Minimum Paidup capital, networth are required for UL and UL VNO?

Ans: Fee details for UL shall be as per below mentioned table:

SI No.	Service	Minimum Equity (Rs. Cr.)	Minimum Networth (Rs. Cr.)	Entry Fee (Rs. Cr.)	PBG (Rs. Cr.)	FBG (Rs. Cr.)	Application Processing Fee (Rs. Cr.)
1	UL(All services)	25.000	25.000	15.000	220.000	44.000	0.010
Service Authorisation wise requirements							
i	Access Service (Telecom Circle / Metro Area)	2.500	2.500	1.000 (0.5 for NE & J&K)	10.000	2.000	0.005
2	NLD (National Area)	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	5.000	0.005
3	ILD (National Area)	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	5.000	0.005
4	VSAT (National Area)	Nil	Nil	0.300	0.500	0.300	0.005
5	PMRTS (Telecom circle/Metro)	Nil	Nil	0.005	0.010	0.010	0.0015
6	GMPCS (National Area)	2.500	2.500	1.000	2.500	1.000	0.005
7	INSAT MSS-R (National Area)	Nil	Nil	0.300	0.020	0.020	0.005
8	ISP ^M A ^M (National Area)	Nil	Nil	0.300	2.000	0.100	0.005
9	ISP "B" (Telecom circle/Metro Area)	Nil	Nil	0.020	0.100	0.010	0.0015
10	ISP "C" (SSA)	Nil	Nil	0.002	0.005	0.001	0.001

Table for UL VNO Fee Details:

Sl. No.	Service Authorization(s) (VNO)	Minimum Equity (Rs. Cr.)	Minimum Networth (Rs. Cr.)	Entry Fee (Rs. Cr.)	FBGs (Rs. Cr.)
1	UL(VNO-All services)	10.0	10.0	7.5	22.0
2	Access Service (Telecom Circle / Metro Area)	1.0	1.0	0.5 (0.25 for NE & J&K)	1.0
3	NLD (National Area)	1.0	1.0	1.25	2.5
4	ILD (National Area)	1.0	1.0	1.25	2.5
5	VSAT (National Area)	Nil	Nil	0.15	0.15
6	PMRTS (Telecom circle/Metro)	Nil	Nil	0.0025	0.005
7	GMPCS (National Area)	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
8	INSAT MSS-R (National Area)	Nil	Nil	0.15	0.01
9	ISP "A" (National Area)	Nil	Nil	0.15	0.05
10	ISP "B" (Telecom circle/Metro Area)	Nil	Nil	0.010	0.005
11	ISP "C" (SSA)	Nil	Nil	0.001	0.0005
12.	Resale of IPLC	1.25	1.25	0.5	0.5

7. How networth is defined?

Ans: Net worth shall be as defined in the Companies Act 2013 and as amended from time to time. The networth of promoters/equity share holders shall not be counted for determining the networth of the company. While counting the Net- worth, the foreign currency shall be converted into Indian Rupees at the prevalent rate indicated by the Reserve Bank of India as on the date of Application received.

8. How much is license fee?

Ans: Licence fee is 8% of the Adjusted Gross Revenue.

9. What are the security conditions?

Ans: The Chief Officer in charge of technical network operations and the Chief Security Officer/Chief Information Security Officer, and in-charge of GMSC, MSC, Soft-Switch, Central Database, ILD Gateway, VS AT Hub, INS AT MSS-R Hub, PMRTS Central/Base Station, GMPCS Gateway, Switches and System

Administrators shall be resident Indian citizen. The positions of the Chairman, Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and/or Chief Financial Officer (CFO), if held by foreign nationals, would require to be security vetted by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Security vetting shall be required periodically on yearly basis. In case something adverse is found during the security vetting, the direction of MHA shall be binding on the Licensee. All foreign personnel likely to be deployed by the LICENSEE for installation, operation and maintenance of the LICENSEE'S network shall also be security cleared by the Government of India prior to their deployment. The security clearance will be obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, who will follow standard drill in the matter. The majority of Directors in a company must be Indian.

10. What are the crossholding restriction?

Ans: In the event of holding/obtaining Access spectrum, no licensee or its promoter(s) directly or indirectly shall have any beneficial interest in another licensee company holding "Access Spectrum" in the same service area.

For the purpose of this clause:

- (a) Promoter shall mean legal entity other than Central Government, financial institutions and scheduled banks, which hold 10% or more equity in the licensee company.
- (b) Beneficial interest shall mean holding of any equity directly or indirectly including through chain of companies in the licensee company.
- (c) Any arrangement contrary to above shall be made consistent with the above stipulations within a period of one year from the date of grant of UL.
- (d) Exception granted in para 1.4 of UAS licensee in respect of basic and CMTS licenses existing on 11.11.2003 shall end on the expiry of with the above stipulation within a period of one year from the

date of migration to UL.

11. What are the documents required to be submitted for grant of UL/ Authorization for additional services under UL?

Answer: Presently, all the different authorisations are being issued under Unified License. Detailed guideline of Unified License is available, vide link (<http://dot.gov.in/unified-license>). Applicant companies desirous of getting the Authorization(s) under Unified License may refer to these Unified License Guidelines. List of documents required along with sample document format are mentioned in below table:

Sample Form of Application: [..APPENDIX-I.pdf](#)

S. No.	Documents required	Detail	Sample Copy
1.	Copy of Certificate of Incorporation along Articles of Association (AOA) and Memorandum of Association (MOA)	<p>(a) Certificate of Incorporation alongwith complete copy (all pages) of AoA and MoA to be submitted. Each and every page to be certified by Company secretary/ Statutory Auditor and countersigned by Authorized Signatory of the company.</p> <p>(b) Provision of respective service should exist in main object clause of MoA</p>	http://10.192.208.31:8088/circular/licenses_issue_d/APPENDIX-II.pdf
2	Non Refundable Processing Fee	(a) Processing fee to be submitted as per table in this Help document through Bharatkosh (https://bharatkosh.gov.in/)	
3	Original Power of Attorney by resolution of board of Directors that the person signing the application is authorized signatory on stamp paper	<p>(a) The Power of Attorney in favour of authorized signatory on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/-. To be given through Board Resolution. To be signed by a person other than in whose favour it is being given. It should bear the seal of the company. It should be notarized. It should have specimen signature of Authorized signatory.</p> <p>(b) A separate Board Resolution on company letterhead duly signed by board of Directors is also to be submitted.</p>	Appendix-III and Appendix-IV
4	Details of Promoters/Partners/shareholder in the company	To be submitted on company letterhead and signed by Authorized Signatory as per para 7(a) of the application Form. Complete break up of 100% equity to be submitted. In case another company is having some shareholding in the applicant company, then complete breakup of shareholding of that company also to be given. The document to be digitally signed.	Appendix-V
5	Total Equity detail certificate	To be submitted as per para 7(b) of Application form. Indian and Foreign equity break up to be given. To be Certified by Company secretary/ Statutory Auditor and countersigned by authorized signatory of Company. The document to be digitally signed.	Appendix-VI

6	Certified copy of approval of Govt of India for Foreign Equity (Applicable only if FDI>49%)	If company has foreign equity more than 49%, then approval to be submitted duly Certified by Company secretary/ Statutory Auditor and countersigned by authorized signatory of Company. The document to be digitally signed.	Appendix-VII
7	Board resolution regarding appointment of statutory auditor along with specimen signature of CA	If Certificate of Incorporation, MoA, AoA and Equity certificate are certified by Statutory Auditor(CA) , then a Board resolution on company letter head is to be submitted for appointment of statutory auditor along with specimen signature of CA. To be digitally signed by authorised signatory.	Appendix-VIII
8	Registered office Address in the application form should be same as mentioned in Certificate of Incorporation. If Registered office has been changed, then a certified copy of Form INC-22 / Form 18 with GAR & Challan copy (to be certified from Company Secretary/ Statutory Auditor) is to be submitted.		Appendix-IX

12. What will be the service areas for companies having UL with NLD/ ILD/ Resale of IPLC authorization?

Ans: National Area.

13. Are there any additional documents/ technical details required to be submitted apart from the ones that are mentioned in UL application/guidelines for VSAT and INSAT MSS-R license.

Ans. The guidelines for the above mentioned authorization(s) are same as that of Unified License/UL (VNO). For services operated using INSAT Satellite system, In addition to applications the following additional documents are also required:

- (i) Brief write up of the proposed network & services along with schematic diagram.
- (ii) Link Engineering for all types of carriers with approved satellite parameters.
- (iii) Carrier Power & Bandwidth summary showing total space segment & satellite power requirements.
- (iv) Clause-by-clause compliance to applicable TEC GR/IR [TEC IR No. TEC/IR/SCB-08/03.OCT 2013].
- (v) List of model & make of all the equipment proposed in the network along with their specifications / data sheets.
- (vi) Exact locations of Hub / central site and tentative locations of other earth stations / VSATs.

14. What are the rebates available on migration of Licenses?

Ans: A rebate on pro-rata basis to the Telecom Service Provider in entry fee for migration to UL license with respect to ILD/ NLD/ UL(AS)/ UASL/ CMTS licenses only shall be given as per formulae below:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Type of Existing License</i>	<i>Rebate</i>
1	ILD/NLD	Rs 12.5 lakh x No of years remaining for existing NLD/ ILD License validity.
2	UL(AS)/UASU CMTS in various service area	Rs 5 lakh for each service area except J&K and NE and Rs. 2.5 lakh J&K and NE service area x No of years remaining for existing UL(A S)/UA SL/C MTS License validity subject to maximum limit of Rs. 15 crore.

15. What is Mobile Radio Trunk Service?

Ans: Mobile Radio Trunk Service is defined as-

- A two way land mobile service in which users communicate among themselves through a pair of radio frequencies out of a pool in a designated frequency band, assigned to the system using pair of radio frequencies and
- the pair of frequencies is allocated on placement of call request and returned to the pool on completion of call and
- the communication usually takes place through repeater station (also called base station). Once user is assigned a channel (a pair of frequencies) by the system, no one else can interfere with the communication.

16. What is the Service Area for PMRTS?

Ans: The Service Area of Public Mobile Radio Trunking Service (PMRTS) shall be the Telecom Circle/Metro area.

17. Is Radio Spectrum Charges applicable for PMRTS?

Ans: The allocation of spectrum is delinked from the licenses and has to be obtained separately as per prescribed procedure. For Public Mobile Radio Trunking Service (PMRTS), the allocation of spectrum and charges thereof shall be as prescribed by Wireless Planning and Co-ordination wing of Department of Telecommunications from time to time.

18. Whether Network Interconnection is permitted for PMRTS? :

Ans: The Licensee may interconnect to PSTN/PLMN in the following manner:

(i) PSTN/PLMN connectivity (outgoing only) shall be limited to one PSTN/PLMN line for 5 (Five) RF Channels (of 25 KHz each) for analogue system, only with one Licensed Access Service Operator.

(ii) PSTN/PLMN connectivity (outgoing only) shall be limited to one E-1 link (30 circuits) for digital system up to 10,000 customers and thereafter, one additional E-1 link(30 circuits) for each additional 10,000 customers or part thereof, only with one Licensed Access Service Operator.

(iii) Incoming PSTN/PLMN connectivity is prohibited.

There shall be no interconnection among two separately licensed PMRTS systems.

19. Is there any rollout obligation for PMRTS License?

Ans: Yes.

20. What is the Service Area for GMPCS?

Ans: The Service Area for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) Service shall be at National Level.

21. What is the Scope of the GMPCS Service?

Ans: Scope of GMPCS Authorization covers the following:

The licensee may provide, in its area of operation, all types of mobile services including voice and non-voice messages, data services by establishing GMPCS Gateway utilizing any type of network equipment including circuit and/or packet switches.

The Licensee shall establish Land Earth Station Gateway in India for the purpose of providing Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) Service. GMPCS Service may be provided using one or more Satellite Systems provided that the Land Earth Station Gateway Switch is established separately in India for each Satellite System.

22. Whether GMPCS authorisation can be provided right away?

Ans: No. issuance of LOI for GMPCS authorisation shall be subject to security clearance of the proposal by an Inter-Ministerial Committee

23. How will spectrum/ space segment be assigned for GMPCS?

Ans: (i) As mentioned in Chapter VII of the UL license agreement, separate clearances/License shall be obtained by the Licensee directly from the WPC Wing of DoT.

(ii) The operation of space segment will be governed by instructions and procedures of Network Operations Control Center (NOCC).

(iii) The space segment monitoring charges shall be payable to NOCC by Licensee as per the rates decided by Licensor.

24. What are technical conditions of GMPCS?

Ans: The technical conditions as given in UL agreement *inter-alia* include that the Licensee shall disclose complete details on terms and conditions of the contracts/licenses entered into with its parent/associate company and/or space-segment/satellite-system owner/operator including those contained in contracts/licenses issued by the Governments/Authorities of the country where the parent/associate company is registered and/or carries on its business prior to grant of license and before security clearance for the service in India.

The Subscriber Terminals shall conform to the security requirements of Indian Government as prescribed from time to time.

25. Whether interconnectivity is permitted for GMPCS? :

Ans: Direct interconnectivity between licensed GMPCS Operator and any other Telecom service provider is permitted for the purpose of only terminating traffic of each other on applicable conditions.

26. What are the security conditions of GMPCS license?

Ans: The security conditions as given in UL agreement *inter-alia* include that the GMPCS authorisation shall be subject to security clearance of the proposal by an Inter-Ministerial Committee.

Please go through technical, operating and security conditions of license carefully before applying for GMPCS authorisation.

27. Is there any rollout obligation for GMPCS License?

Ans. Yes.

28. What are the different categories of applications for ISP Authorization under Unified License or Unified License (VNO)?

Ans:- Category-“A” (All India), Category-“B” (Telecom Circle), Category-“C” (Secondary switching Area)

29. How many category “C” ISP Authorizations can be applied in one Telecom Circle?

Ans:- Maximum (Category –“C”) 4 SSAs can be applied , However Applicant company is required to apply in category –“B” ISP Authorization if require more than 4 SSAs in same Telecom circle.

30. What are the processing fee for application of different categories of ISP Authorization under Unified License / Unified License (VNO)

Ans:- Category “A” = Rs. 50,000,

Category, category “B” = Rs. 15,000,

Category “C” = Rs. 10,000

31. What amount of minimum networth is required for applicant company to apply for ISP Authorization under Unified License.

Ans:- Nil