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Form 499 Data

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FCC Form 499-A Data

Other Fund Administrators

The revenue data reported on the annual form, the FCC Form 499-A is used for billing purposes by 4 different fund administrators.

- Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)
- Local Number Portability (LNP)
- North American Numbering Plan (NANPA)
- FCC ITSP

Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)

Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) enables an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or who has a speech disability to communicate by telephone or other device through the telephone system at no additional cost. Every common carrier interstate telecommunications services and every VoIP provider (including interconnected and non-interconnected) must contribute to the TRS Fund.

See 47 C.F.R. Sections 64.601(b), 64.604.

Local Number Portability (LNP)

Local Number Portability (LNP) enables end users to keep their telephone number when switching from one telecommunications service provider to another. The shared costs of long-term number portability attributable to a regional database shall be recovered from all telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP providers servicing a given region.

See 47 C.F.R. Section 52.32.

North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)

North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANP) is a numbering scheme for the public switched telecommunications networks (PSTN) within the United States, Canada, and participating Caribbean countries. All telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP providers in the United States shall contribute to meet the costs of establishing numbering administration.

See 47 C.F.R. Section 52.17.

Interstate Telecommunications Service Providers (ITSP)

Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider (ITSP) regulatory fees are charged by the FCC to cover the regulatory costs associated with the FCC's enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities.

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See 47 U.S.C. Section 159(a)
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Fee Schedule released by the FCC on September 1, 2022.

https://www.fcc.gov/document/fy-2022-regulatory-fees-report-and-order

Revenue Used

Contribution Base

Support Mechanism	Funding Basis	
Universal service	Line 423(d) + Line 423(e)* revenues corresponding to universal service contributions**	
TRS (Filers with end-user revenues must pay a minimum of \$25)	Line 514(a) for contributions funding IP CTS ⁸⁹ Line 514(b) for contributions funding all other forms of TRS	
NANPA (Filers with end-user revenues must pay a minimum of \$25. Filers with no end-user revenues must pay \$25.)	Line 420(a) plus Line 412(a) less Line 511(a)	
LNPA - by region (Filers with only carrier's carrier revenue in a region must pay \$100 for that region)	Line 420(a) plus Line 412(a) <u>less Line 511(a)</u> times percentages on Lines 503 through 509	

Table 4: Contribution Bases

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Contact Information

USAC website:

https://www.usac.org/service-providers/making-payments/non-usac-payments/invoice-from-third-parties/

Fund	Administrator	Customer Service Number
TRS	RolkaLoube – Public Utility and Telecommunications Consulting	(717) 585-6605
LNPA	Telcordia Technologies dba iconectiv 🗹	(844) 560-8050
NANPA	North American Numbering Plan (NANP)	(613) 760-4512
ITSP	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	(877) 480-3201, Option 6

Questions?

For More Assistance



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