

A handy guide to the UK number changes



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00 International codes

The access code for international voice calls isn't changing as part of The Big Number. So, if you're calling abroad from the UK, you simply dial the same international code (starting 00) as you do now. However, the international access code for ISDN data calls will be changing from 000 to 00 on 22 April 2000.

01 Existing area codes

Most area codes that begin 01 will be staying the same. However, if you need to call anyone in one of the six places where area codes and local numbers are changing, you should dial the new numbers after changeover day on 22 April 2000.

For more advice, call
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02 New area codes and local numbers for six places

There are six places where area codes and local numbers are changing. They are shown below. Whether or not you live in the places where codes are changing, it's likely you make calls to people who do, so you'll need to alter your address book and numbers pre-programmed in your phone.

CITY	EXISTING AREA CODE	EXISTING LOCAL NUMBER	NEW AREA CODE	NEW LOCAL NUMBER
CARDIFF	(01222)	XXXXXX	(029)	20XX XXXX
GOVENTRY	(01203)	XXXXXX	(024)	76XX XXXX
LONDON	(0171)	XXX XXXX	(020)	7XXX XXXX
LONDON	(0181)	XXX XXXX	(020)	8XXX XXXX
PORTSMOUTH	(01705)	XXXXXX	(023)	92XX XXXX
SOUTHAMPTON	(01703)	XXXXXX	(023)	80XX XXXX

The new area code is (028) followed by new eight-figure local numbers, eg:

CITY	EXISTING AREA CODE	EXISTING LOCAL NUMBER	NEW AREA CODE	NEW LOCAL NUMBER
BELFAST	(01232)	XXXXXX	(028)	90XX XXXX

The new national numbers

If you live in one of the places shown above you will have a new national number which you can use from now. For example, if you live in inner London, your new national number, will be as follows:

EXISTING NATIONAL NUMBER	NEW NATIONAL NUMBER
(0171) XXX XXXX	(020) 7XXX XXXX

The new local numbers

If you live in one of the six places where local numbers are changing, your number will change to a new eight-figure local number on 22 April 2000. For example, if you live in inner London, your new local number will be as follows:

EXISTING LOCAL NUMBER	NEW LOCAL NUMBER
XXXX XXXX	7XXX XXXX

03, 04, 05, 06 New numbers for the future

The codes 03, 04, 05 and 06 have all been set aside for future use. This will provide a reserve of millions of new numbers for years to come.

07 Mobile phone, pager and personal numbers

The code beginning with 07 will be used for all mobile phone, pager and personal numbers. If you have a mobile phone or pager that doesn't begin 07, your number will change. See what your new number will be by looking at the table overleaf.

08 Special rate numbers

Freefone, Lo-call and Nationalcall rate numbers will all begin with the 08 code. The new system also means we will be able to cope with the future demand for these numbers used for competitions, information and entertainment services. From now on all Premium Rate services, which are structured as follows:

Special rate numbers	Up to <i>Freefone</i>	Dedicated to schools' use of the Internet	Up to <i>Lo-call</i> rate	Up to <i>Nationalcall</i> rate
0800	<i>Freefone</i>			
0808	<i>Freefone</i>			
0820				
0845				
0870				

09 Premium rate numbers

The 09 code has been set aside for Premium Rate and multimedia services. From now on all Premium Rate services, which are numbers used for competitions, information and entertainment services will begin with 090. The range of numbers will be structured as follows:

Premium rate numbers	Time charged calls up to 60p per minute and total call cost not greater than £5 or fixed fee up to £1 per call.	All reserved for future use.	Open-ended, time-dependent charge or fixed fee any rate.	Pay for product costing more than £1.	Reserved for future use.	Adult: all types and charge rates.
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