

Telecommunication Regulatory Authority



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What is the TRA ?

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Lebanon (TRA) is an independent public institution assigned to liberalize, regulate, and develop the telecommunication sector in Lebanon. The TRA mission is to promote competition and ensure that consumers rights for telecommunications services are respected. Established by Law 431 of 2002, the TRA effectively started operations upon the nomination of its board members in February 2007.

The establishment of the TRA is a significant milestone signaling the start of the liberalization and restructuring process of the Lebanese telecommunications sector. The TRA's strategy and actions are guided by its Mission Statement:

"To establish a regulatory environment that enables a competitive telecommunications market to deliver state-of-the-art services at affordable prices to the broadest spectrum of the Lebanese population".



Independence
Transparency
Accountability
Fairness

What are the TRA priorities ?

Liberalization of Broadband

- Regularizing existing Data & Internet Service Providers Licenses
- Issuing new National Broadband Licenses to new market entrants through an international auction requiring the roll-out of new national and international infrastructures
- Open licensing regime at the access level

Liberalization of Mobile

- Simultaneous sale and transfer of existing two mobile network assets and liabilities
- Award of two 20-year licenses to auction winners, including an international gateway (limited to mobile subscribers only)
- Award of a mobile license to Liban Telecom (as soon as created)

Regulatory Framework and Capacity Building

- Issuing and implementing Regulations and Decisions further to Public Consultations with major market stakeholders
- Building internal capacity at the human and technical resources levels, through attracting qualified profiles, and through installing new applications and equipment for the management of spectrum, numbering and internal databases and systems

What does the TRA do and how?

Through the introduction of appropriate regulations, the TRA promotes investment, maintains stability in the market and ensures that the consumers rights are protected. The TRA issues licenses, manages the spectrum and the numbering plan, monitors the market to guard against any abuse of dominant market power and anti-competitive practices, and takes regulatory measures to remedy them.

What are the expected benefits of liberalization?

For Consumers: through fair competition

- More choices & higher quality of services
- Lower Prices
- Greater coverage on the Lebanese territory
- Better protection of rights

For Service Providers: through a suitable regulatory framework

- Clear vision and developed laws and regulations
- Fair competition among new entrants, licensees and investors
- Benefits from faster network technologies (3G)
- Direct access to international gateways

For Lebanon: by encouraging investment opportunities

- Deployment of a state-of-the-art infrastructure
- Creation of new job opportunities
- Growth in revenues parallel to volume increase
- Bring Lebanon back to its leader position in trade, education and culture

