Number: PL- 612 **Date**: 11 May 2023

From: Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA)

Subject: NPA 257 to Overlay NPA 236/250/604/672/778 (British Columbia)

Related Previous Planning Letters:

In Telecom Decision CRTC 2023-135, dated 10 May 2023, the Commission approved the 236/250/604/672/778 Relief Planning Committee's report which recommended that relief for area codes 236/250/604/672/778 in the province of British Columbia, Canada be provided through a distributed overlay of new area code 257 starting 24 May 2025.

New area code 257 has been assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and will be implemented as a distributed overlay over the geographic area of British Columbia, Canada. The area served by NPA Codes 236/250/604/672/778 and the new 257 NPA Code consists of 311 Exchange Areas. A map showing the location of the area served by these area codes and a list of the 311 Exchange Areas are attached to this letter.

When the new 257 NPA is introduced, the dialling plan for the 236/250/257/604/672/778 overlay area will be as follows:

- All local calls, including Extended Area Service calls, originating within the 236/250/257/604/672/778 overlay area must be dialled with 10-digits; i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX.
- Toll and alternately billed service calls originating within the 236/250/257/604/672/778 overlay area will continue to be dialled with 10-digits after the appropriate prefix digit(s).

All international and domestic Telecommunications Service Providers (TSPs) should activate the new 257 NPA throughout their networks by the start date for network testing (24 February 2025).

The following test numbers for the new NPA 257 will be made available effective 24 February 2025. Routing of calls to NPA 257 can be verified by dialing the 8378 (TEST) numbers which do not provide answer supervision. Billing of calls to NPA 257 can be verified by dialling the 2455 (BILL) numbers which provide answer supervision.

Test Number	Exchange Area (Rate Center)	Carrier
257-999	TELUS Mobility	Vancouver
257-580	TELUS Mobility	Kelowna
257-610	TELUS	Vancouver
257-710	TELUS	Victoria
257-810	TELUS	Kelowna

Calls successfully completed to test numbers will receive the following announcement:

"You have successfully completed a call to the 257 Area Code Test Number at [CARRIER NAME] in British Columbia, Canada."

The disconnection dates for the test numbers will be between 24 June 2025 and 29 July 2025.

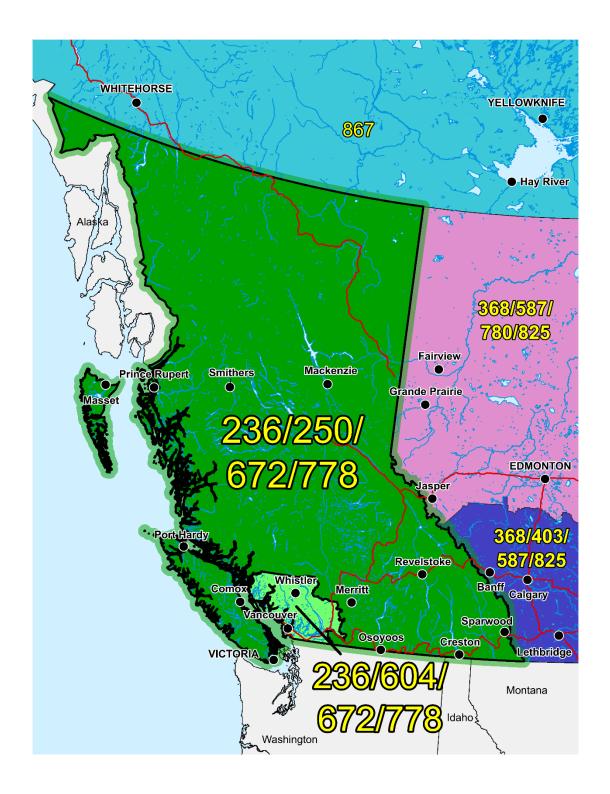
Central Office (NXX) Codes within NPA 257 may be assigned to TSPs starting from 24 November 2024 but cannot be activated in the PSTN prior to the Relief Date of 24 May 2025.

General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Suresh Khare or Kelly T. Walsh, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-702-0016. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

Map of the 236/250/604/672/778 area

(After relief the NPA 236/250/604/672/778 area will be the NPA 236/250/257/604/672/778 area)



Exchange Areas in NPA 236/250/257/604/672/778

	All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
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Rouchie Lake ✓ Douglas Lake	✓	
Dodonio Lano	✓	
Bowser ✓ Dragon Lake	✓	
Bridge Lake ✓ Duncan	✓	
Burns Lake ✓ Duncan Lake	✓	
Cache Creek ✓ Dunster	√	
Campbell River ✓ East Pine	✓	

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
Elkford	✓
Elko	✓
Enderby	✓
Fairmont Hot Springs	✓
Falkland	✓
Fauquier	✓
Fernie	✓
Field	✓
Flatrock	✓
Forest Grove	✓
Fort Fraser	✓
Fort Nelson	✓
Fort St. James	✓
Fort St. John	✓
Fort Ware	✓
Francois Lake	✓
Fraser Lake	✓
Fruitvale	✓
Fulford Harbour	✓
Gabriola Island	✓
Ganges	✓
Genelle	✓
Giscome	✓
Gold Bridge	✓
Gold River	✓
Golden	✓
Good Hope Lake	✓
Grand Forks	✓
Granisle	✓
Grasmere	✓
Grassy Plains	✓
Greenville	✓
Greenwood	✓
Gulf Islands	✓
Hagensborg	✓
Hansard	✓
Hartley Bay	✓

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland		
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay	
Hartway	✓	
Hazelton	✓	
Hedley	✓	
Hendrix Lake	✓	
Hixon	✓	
Holberg	✓	
Horsefly	✓	
Houston	✓	
Hudson's Hope	✓	
Invermere	✓	
Iskut	✓	
Jaffray	✓	
Jordan River	✓	
Kaslo	✓	
Kelowna	✓	
Keremeos	✓	
Kimberley	✓	
Kincolith	✓	
Kitimat	✓	
Kitkatla	✓	
Kitsault	✓	
Kitwanga	✓	
Klemtu	✓	
Kyuquot	✓	
Lac La Hache	✓	
Ladysmith	✓	
Lake Cowichan	✓	
Lakelse	✓	
Lakeview Heights	✓	
Lantzville	✓	
Lasqueti Island	✓	
Likely	✓	
Lillooet	✓	
Little Fort	✓	
Logan Lake	✓	
Loos	✓	
Lower Post	✓	

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
Lumby	✓
Lytton	✓
Mackenzie	✓
Manning Park	✓
Masset	✓
McBride	✓
McLeese Lake	✓
McLeod Lake	✓
Merritt	✓
Mica Creek	✓
Midway	✓
Montney	✓
Moyie	✓
Muncho Lake	✓
Nakusp	✓
Nanaimo	✓
Nanoose	✓
Naramata	✓
Nelson	✓
New Denver	✓
Nimpo Lake	✓
North Kamloops	✓
North Nelson	✓
Ocean Falls	✓
Okanagan Falls	✓
Okanagan Mission	✓
Oliver	✓
Osoyoos	✓
Oyama	✓
Oyster Bay	✓
Parksville	✓
Parson	✓
Peachland	✓
Pender Island	✓
Penticton	✓
Pineview	✓
Port Alberni	✓

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
Port Alice	✓
Port Clements	✓
Port Edward	✓
Port Hardy	✓
Port Mcneill	✓
Port Renfrew	✓
Port Simpson	✓
Pouce Coupe	✓
Prespatou	✓
Prince George	✓
Prince Rupert	✓
Princeton	✓
Pritchard	✓
Prophet River	✓
Puntzi	✓
Quadra Island	✓
Qualicum	✓
Queen Charlotte	✓
Quesnel	✓
Radium	✓
Red Rock	✓
Revelstoke	✓
Riondel	✓
Riske Creek	✓
Rock Creek	✓
Rolla	✓
Rossland	✓
Rutland	✓
Saanich	✓
Salmo	✓
Salmon Arm	✓
Salmon Valley	✓
Sandspit	✓
Savona	✓
Sayward	✓
Shalalth	✓
Sicamous	✓

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
Skookumchuck	✓
Slocan	✓
Smithers	✓
Sointula	✓
Sooke	✓
Sorrento	✓
South Kamloops	✓
South Slocan	✓
Sparwood	✓
Spences Bridge	✓
Spillimacheen	✓
Stewart	✓
Summerland	✓
Summit Lake	✓
Tachie	✓
Tahsis	✓
Tappen	✓
Tatla Lake	✓
Taylor	✓
Telegraph Creek	✓
Telkwa	✓
Terrace	✓
Thrums	✓
Toad River	✓
Tofino	✓
Topley	✓
Trail	✓
Trout Lake	✓
Tsay Keh Dene	✓
Tumbler Ridge	✓
Ucluelet	✓
Union Bay	✓
Valemount	✓
Vallican	✓
Vanderhoof	✓
Vanway	✓
Vavenby	✓

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
Vernon	✓
Victoria	✓
Wellington	✓
Wells	✓
Westbank	✓
Westsyde	✓
Westwold	✓
Wildwood	✓
Williams Lake	✓
Willow Point	✓
Willowbrook	✓
Winfield	✓
Winter Harbour	✓
Wonowon	✓
Woss Lake	✓
Wynndel	✓
Yahk	✓
Youbou	✓
Zeballos	✓