

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 dialling 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.

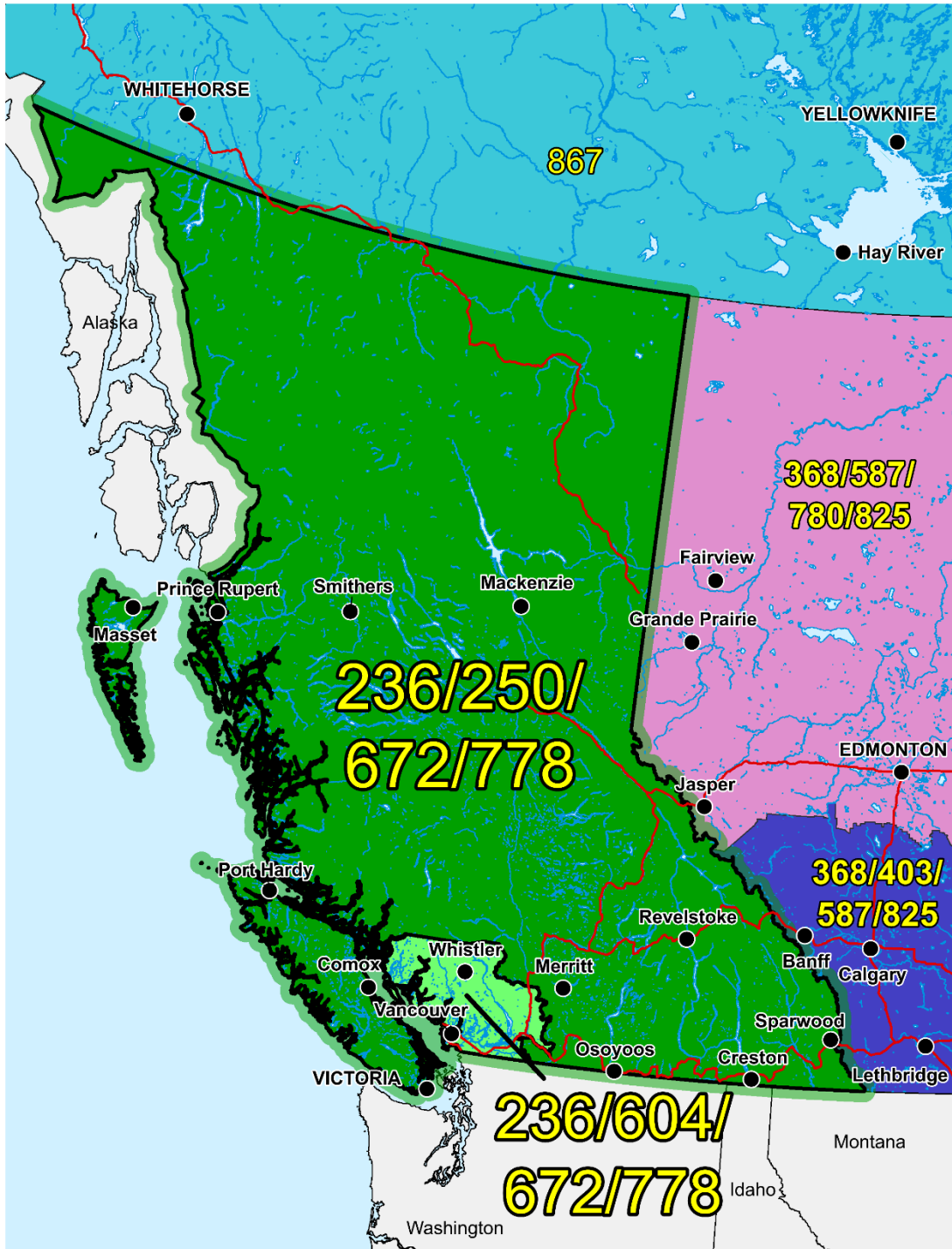
General questions about this relief activity may be directed to Suresh Khare or Kelly T. Walsh, of the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA), at 613-702-0016. Specific questions related to telecommunications services and network routing should be directed to the appropriate TSP.

Attachments

Attachment 1

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)



Attachment 2

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

All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland		All BC Exchanges excluding Lower Mainland	
NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay	NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
100 Mile House	✓	Canal Flats	✓
108 Mile House	✓	Castlegar	✓
150 Mile House	✓	Cedar	✓
70 Mile House	✓	Celista	✓
Ahousat	✓	Chase	✓
Aiyansh	✓	Chemainus	✓
Alert Bay	✓	Chetwynd	✓
Alexis Creek	✓	Chief Lake	✓
Alkali Lake	✓	Chilako	✓
Armstrong	✓	Christina Lake	✓
Ashcroft	✓	Clearwater	✓
Aspen Park	✓	Clinton	✓
Atlin	✓	Cluculz Lake	✓
Avola	✓	Cobble Hill	✓
Balfour	✓	Comox	✓
Bamfield	✓	Cortes Island	✓
Barriere	✓	Courtenay	✓
Bear Lake	✓	Cranbrook	✓
Beaver Cove	✓	Crawford Bay	✓
Beaver Valley	✓	Creston	✓
Beaverdell	✓	Cumberland	✓
Bella Bella	✓	Dallas	✓
Bella Coola	✓	Dawson Creek	✓
Blue River	✓	Dease Lake	✓
Bob Quinn Lake	✓	Decker Lake	✓
Boswell	✓	Donald	✓
Bouchie Lake	✓	Douglas Lake	✓
Bowser	✓	Dragon Lake	✓
Bridge Lake	✓	Duncan	✓
Burns Lake	✓	Duncan Lake	✓
Cache Creek	✓	Dunster	✓
Campbell River	✓	East Pine	✓

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NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay	NPA 236/250/257/672/778 Exchange Areas	Distributed Overlay
Elkford	✓	Hartway	✓
Elko	✓	Hazelton	✓
Enderby	✓	Hedley	✓
Fairmont Hot Springs	✓	Hendrix Lake	✓
Falkland	✓	Hixon	✓
Fauquier	✓	Holberg	✓
Fernie	✓	Horsefly	✓
Field	✓	Houston	✓
Flatrock	✓	Hudson's Hope	✓
Forest Grove	✓	Invermere	✓
Fort Fraser	✓	Iskut	✓
Fort Nelson	✓	Jaffray	✓
Fort St. James	✓	Jordan River	✓
Fort St. John	✓	Kaslo	✓
Fort Ware	✓	Kelowna	✓
Francois Lake	✓	Keremeos	✓
Fraser Lake	✓	Kimberley	✓
Fruitvale	✓	Kincolith	✓
Fulford Harbour	✓	Kitimat	✓
Gabriola Island	✓	Kitkatla	✓
Ganges	✓	Kitsault	✓
Genelle	✓	Kitwanga	✓
Giscome	✓	Klemtu	✓
Gold Bridge	✓	Kyuquot	✓
Gold River	✓	Lac La Hache	✓
Golden	✓	Ladysmith	✓
Good Hope Lake	✓	Lake Cowichan	✓
Grand Forks	✓	Lakelse	✓
Granisle	✓	Lakeview Heights	✓
Grasmere	✓	Lantzville	✓
Grassy Plains	✓	Lasqueti Island	✓
Greenville	✓	Likely	✓
Greenwood	✓	Lillooet	✓
Gulf Islands	✓	Little Fort	✓
Hagensborg	✓	Logan Lake	✓
Hansard	✓	Loos	✓
Hartley Bay	✓	Lower Post	✓

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Lumby	✓	Port Alice	✓
Lytton	✓	Port Clements	✓
Mackenzie	✓	Port Edward	✓
Manning Park	✓	Port Hardy	✓
Masset	✓	Port McNeill	✓
McBride	✓	Port Renfrew	✓
McLeese Lake	✓	Port Simpson	✓
McLeod Lake	✓	Pouce Coupe	✓
Merritt	✓	Prespatou	✓
Mica Creek	✓	Prince George	✓
Midway	✓	Prince Rupert	✓
Montney	✓	Princeton	✓
Moyie	✓	Pritchard	✓
Muncho Lake	✓	Prophet River	✓
Nakusp	✓	Puntzi	✓
Nanaimo	✓	Quadra Island	✓
Nanoose	✓	Qualicum	✓
Naramata	✓	Queen Charlotte	✓
Nelson	✓	Quesnel	✓
New Denver	✓	Radium	✓
Nimpo Lake	✓	Red Rock	✓
North Kamloops	✓	Revelstoke	✓
North Nelson	✓	Riondel	✓
Ocean Falls	✓	Riske Creek	✓
Okanagan Falls	✓	Rock Creek	✓
Okanagan Mission	✓	Rolla	✓
Oliver	✓	Rossland	✓
Osoyoos	✓	Rutland	✓
Oyama	✓	Saanich	✓
Oyster Bay	✓	Salmo	✓
Parksville	✓	Salmon Arm	✓
Parson	✓	Salmon Valley	✓
Peachland	✓	Sandspit	✓
Pender Island	✓	Savona	✓
Penticton	✓	Sayward	✓
Pineview	✓	Shalalth	✓
Port Alberni	✓	Sicamous	✓

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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	✓

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Vernon	✓
Victoria	✓
Wellington	✓
Wells	✓
Westbank	✓
Westsyde	✓
Westwold	✓
Wildwood	✓
Williams Lake	✓
Willow Point	✓
Willowbrook	✓
Winfield	✓
Winter Harbour	✓
Wonowon	✓
Woss Lake	✓
Wynndel	✓
Yahk	✓
Youbou	✓
Zeballos	✓