



# Canadian Numbering Administrator Administrateur de la numérotation canadienne

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To: Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
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ATTN: Marc Morin

Subject: **re: Interim measures requiring the Canadian Numbering Administrator to limit the assignment of Central Office codes to certain levels**

Dear Sir,

On 30 October 2023 the Canadian Numbering Administrator (CNA) received the subject letter from the CRTC Secretary General directing the immediate implementation of an interim measure requiring the CNA to limit the assignment of geographic Central Office (CO) Codes ([https://cnac.ca/co\\_codes/Secretary\\_General\\_Letter\\_-\\_interim\\_measure\\_2023-10-31.pdf](https://cnac.ca/co_codes/Secretary_General_Letter_-_interim_measure_2023-10-31.pdf)).

Subsequently on 8 November 2025 the CNA sent a letter to the CRTC Secretary General with implementation assumptions ([https://cnac.ca/co\\_codes/2023-11-08\\_Letter\\_from\\_CNA\\_to\\_CRTC\\_Secretary\\_General-Clarification\\_of\\_assignment\\_restrictions.pdf](https://cnac.ca/co_codes/2023-11-08_Letter_from_CNA_to_CRTC_Secretary_General-Clarification_of_assignment_restrictions.pdf)), to which CRTC Staff concurred in a letter to the CNA on 15 November 2023 ([https://cnac.ca/co\\_codes/Commission\\_staff\\_Response\\_to\\_CNA\\_letter\\_of\\_8\\_November\\_2023.pdf](https://cnac.ca/co_codes/Commission_staff_Response_to_CNA_letter_of_8_November_2023.pdf)).

During the Canadian Steering Committee on Numbering (CSCN) plenary meeting 131 held over 11 and 12 February 2025, CNA staff presented a potential Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (NRUF) format that could be used to support the implementation of Thousands-Block Pooling (TBP) by the industry until such time as the guidelines were updated and determinations were made by the CRTC. Following the recommendations sent by the CSCN in CNRE144B - CSCN Response to Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2024-26, Paragraph 51 (<https://crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/cn/CNRE144B.docx>) the proposed format was that forecast data would be at the Exchange Area level of detail and would be provided in Thousands Blocks for all 18 NPA Complexes. Additionally, utilization data would need to be submitted for each Exchange Area in which a CO Code Holder held resources.

In accordance with the *Canadian Numbering Resource Utilization Forecast (C-NRUF) Guideline*, Version 6.0 dated 1 November 2024 (<https://crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/cn/CNODGL0016E.docx>), the CSCN reached an agreement to direct the CNA to perform a Special NRUF (S-NRUF) for July 2025 to ensure that the industry had a baseline forecast and utilization data set before the implementation date of TBP.

Accordingly, the CNA has made the following assumptions regarding the upcoming July 2025 S-NRUF to align with the current interim code restriction measures:



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- a. The CNA will convert restricted numbers, as described in the interim measures letter dated 31 October 2023, from codes to blocks by multiplying CO Codes by ten (x10) to determine Block restriction levels. For example, if a TSP is restricted to 5 CO Codes for a given NPA Complex in a given year, they would be restricted to 50 Blocks through all the Exchange Areas of the NPA Complex unless they have an exemption from the CRTC.
- b. The CNA will request that all Exchange Areas in all NPA Complexes will be given in Thousands Blocks regardless of an Exchange Area's status as pooled or not. This will ensure simplicity for calculations and further conversions to CO Codes in the entire complex to calculate future exhaust dates.

The CNA respectfully requests the CRTC to indicate if there are any objections to these assumptions.

Yours sincerely,

**Sent via GCKey submission with CC by email**

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