

Afghanistan

National legislation

- Name of the act/law/rule: Postal Law (1974) and Postal Regulation (1976)

Coordinating body for postal policies

- Name of the coordinating body/ministry/committee/agency: Minister of Communication and Information Technology
- Level (Ministry or other): ministry
- Website: www.mcit.gov.af www.apra.gov.af

Regulatory authority

- Name of the coordinating regulator: Afghanistan Postal Regulatory Authority, (APRA)
- Covered Areas: policy and regulation, Licensing, controlling and inspecting, pricing, USO implementing, postal addressing, and some other functions based on its responsibilities

Licensing body

- Agency/authority responsible for issuing postal service operation licences to postal service operators: Afghanistan Postal Regulatory Authority (APRA)
 - Licensing/registration mandatory for all entities providing postal services in Afghanistan;
 - Any postal service provider wishing to operate in Afghanistan must register with APRA and obtain the required licence before commencing operations.

Universal service obligations

- Products and services covered by universal service obligation: Not defined
- Is there a plan to define the Universal Service Obligation? The new USO policy drafted and it's in the legal cycle process
- Name of the universal service provider providing USO: Afghan Post
- Status of the universal service provider providing USO: Government Enterprise