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Abstract
This IL provides industry notification of a new 268 NPA for Antigua & Barbuda.

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The government of Antigua & Barbuda has requested that a new geographic area code be assigned for Antigua & Barbuda. As a result, NANPA has assigned the 268 NPA for this purpose. With this action Antigua & Barbuda will depart from the 809 NPA. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. The Antigua & Barbuda Telecommunications Numbering Administration, on behalf of the government of Antigua & Barbuda, will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes and other matters within the 268 NPA.

Antigua & Barbuda will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 268 NPA, i.e., the 268 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers.

The introduction of the new 268 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 12:01 AM Atlantic Standard Time (AST) on Monday, April 1, 1996. The permissive dialing period will end at 12:01 AM AST on Monday, March 31, 1997. The implementation of the 268 NPA will be similar to an NPA split, i.e., during the permissive dialing period either 809 or 268 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 268 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed with the 809 NPA to Antigua & Barbuda NXXs will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on April 1, 1996 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all *new* NXXs in Antigua & Barbuda will be assigned with the new 268 NPA. Foreign NPA calls terminating on those new NXXs must be dialed with the new 268 NPA, otherwise they may be routed to another destination in the Caribbean, or they may be routed to intercept.

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Because of the short NPA activation notice provided by Antigua & Barbuda, callers should be aware that some difficulties may be encountered in placing calls using the 268 NPA until all carrier networks have been appropriately modified. All international and domestic carriers are asked to take immediate steps to activate the new 268 NPA throughout their networks *as soon as possible*. A test number to the new area code has been established by Cable & Wireless, effective immediately. The test number is: 268-ANTIGUA, or 268-268-4482.

Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. Calls to report any trouble with the test calls should be directed to Dean Jonas, Cable & Wireless, at 809-462-0840, extension 413, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM AST.

Attached are maps showing the islands and area of the Caribbean covered by the new 268 NPA including a list of active central office (NXX) codes.

The dialing plan for the new 268 NPA will be as follows:

- All home NPA (HNPA) "local" calls will continue to be dialed on a 7 digit basis with no prefix; i.e., NXX + XXXX (7 digits).
- All Foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed "toll" calls will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits; i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- Operator assisted calls including credit card, collect, and third party calls will be dialed with a "0" prefix and 10 digits; i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (0 + 10 digits).

Operational questions concerning the introduction of the 268 NPA may be referred to Dean Jonas, Cable & Wireless at 809-462-0840, extension 413.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to achieve the widest possible industry distribution and may be reproduced for further distribution as needed. Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 908-699-6612.



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ANTIGUA/BARBUDA

NEW 268 AREA CODE

From 1st November, 1996

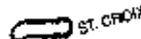
On Independence day 1996, all Antigua & Barbuda telephones will change to the new AREA CODE 268. This means that anyone calling Antigua or Barbuda should dial AREA CODE 268.

For example: OLD NUMBER WOULD BECOME
 1-809-462-0840 1-268-462-0840

IMPORTANT: the last 7 digits will remain unchanged



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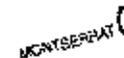
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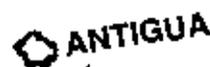
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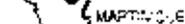
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DOMINICA



MARTINIQUE



ST. LUCIA



BARBADOS



ST. VINCENT



GRENADE



TOBAGO

VALID NUMBER RANGES FOR ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Existing Number	New Number from 1st November 1996
1 809 460 XXXX	1 268 460 XXXX
1 809 461 XXXX	1 268 461 XXXX
1 809 462 XXXX	1 268 462 XXXX
1 809 463 XXXX	1 268 463 XXXX
1 809 464 XXXX	1 268 464 XXXX
1 809 480 XXXX	1 268 480 XXXX
1 809 409 XXXX	1 268 409 XXXX
1 809 404 XXXX	1 268 404 XXXX

Additions to this list are anticipated

PERMISSIVE DIALING

For the period 1st April, 1996 to March 31st, 1997 either the old (809) or the new (268) area code can be used. From 1st April, 1997 only the new area code will be valid. If the old 809 code is used the call will not be connected.



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Callers experiencing difficulties reaching an Antigua or Barbuda number using the new AREA CODE '268' prior to 1st April, 1997, please contact Cable & Wireless on 1-809-462-2536