



## 700 MHz Implementation and Coverage Requirements

This document is intended as a guide only, to be read alongside the Auction Catalogue and Draft Management Rights Contract.

Successful Bidders will be required to meet the requirements set out in the table below.

Quantity of spectrum purchased	New operator or existing non-cellular network operator: Implementation requirement (using 700 MHz)	Existing cellular network operator: Implementation requirement (using 700 MHz)	All successful bidders: Additional coverage obligation (using any spectrum)
2x5 MHz	50% national population coverage within five years.	Upgrade 75% of existing rural cellsites to 4G using 700 MHz (to a maximum of 300 cellsites).	N/A
2x10 MHz	50% national population coverage, including at least 30% population coverage within any given region, within five years.	Upgrade 75% of existing rural cellsites to 4G using 700 MHz (to a maximum of 300 cellsites).	N/A
2x15 MHz	50% national population coverage, including at least 30% population coverage within any given region, within five years.	Upgrade 75% of existing rural cellsites to 4G using 700 MHz (to a maximum of 300 cellsites).	5 new coverage cell sites (base stations) per year, for first five years.
2x20 MHz (if available)	75% national population coverage, including at least 50% population coverage within any given region, within five years.	Upgrade 75% of existing rural cellsites to 4G using 700 MHz (to a maximum of 300 cellsites).	10 new coverage cell sites (base stations) per year, for first five years.

### Notes:

As outlined in the Clause 5.10 of Auction Catalogue, existing cellular network operators will be required, following registration, to work with MBIE to determine the number of rural cellsites that they will be required to upgrade.

If an existing network operator chooses to build a new 4G cellsite in an area that it previously did not provide coverage to, this cellsite may count towards both the 75% upgrade and additional coverage requirements. Likewise, a new cellsite built by a new or non-cellular operator to meet the additional coverage requirement could also count towards the population coverage requirement, provided it uses 700 MHz to provide 4G services.

Should this guide be inconsistent with, or different to, the Auction Catalogue or Management Rights Contract, those other documents will be applicable.