

Nextgen Networks Standard Form of Agreement

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Customer Terms and Conditions

Part 1: Core terms

1. What is this document ?¹

- 1.1. This document sets out the basic terms on which Nextgen provides services² to customers. They do not apply to consumer contracts, but otherwise they apply to every service Nextgen supplies, and are called 'core terms'.
- 1.2. The core terms are part of our 'standard form of agreement' under section 479 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*.
- 1.3. Extra terms may also apply in certain cases. These terms indicate when extra terms will apply³.

2. The parties

- 2.1. 'We' or 'Nextgen' means Nextgen Networks Pty Limited.
- 2.2. 'You' or 'customer' means anyone that we supply a service to, except under a consumer contract.

3. About services and categories

- 3.1. A 'service' means any goods or service that we offer or supply. Each service may be briefly identified by its 'service description'.
- 3.2. A 'category' is a group of similar services that we designate as a category.
- 3.3. We may assign a service to more than one category.

4. About category terms

- 4.1. We may publish extra terms that apply to a category of services ('category terms').
- 4.2. Category terms are set out in another document, usually identified as Part 2A, Part 2B, and so on.
- 4.3. Category terms only apply to the services in the category they relate to.
- 4.4. Category terms are also part of our standard form of agreement.

¹ This document uses headings and footnotes to assist the reader. Headings and footnotes do not form part of the terms, and do not change the effect of the document.

² Note that 'services' includes both goods and services.

³ Our business contract is a modular document, consisting of these core terms plus other terms that relate to particular services.

5. About service terms

- 5.1. We may also publish extra terms that apply to a particular service ('service terms').
- 5.2. Service terms may be set out in service information, or on an application form, or otherwise notified to you.
- 5.3. Service terms only apply to the service they relate to.
- 5.4. Service terms may include, or incorporate by reference, a service level guarantee.
- 5.5. Service terms are not part of our standard form of agreement, but they are part of our business contract with you.

6. About pricing

- 6.1. We may charge you for our services in accordance with our price list.
- 6.2. We may change the price list at any time. A reference to 'price list' means the current price list at any particular time.
- 6.3. Changes take effect immediately. They have no effect on charges for services that have already been supplied.
- 6.4. In some circumstances, if we change our price list you may be entitled to cancel your business contract early. Clause 13 explains that.
- 6.5. The price list is not part of our standard form of agreement, but it is part of our business contract with you.
- 6.6. If a business contract states that charges for the contract will be fixed for a certain period, or until a certain date, changes made during that period, or before that date, do not take effect until the end of that period, or until that date.
- 6.7. If a business contract states that charges will be reviewed at certain intervals, we will not change or restructure charges for that business contract more frequently than once per that interval.

7. About special terms

- 7.1. We may also agree with you that special terms will apply to our business contract with you.
- 7.2. Special terms only apply if they are in writing and we both agree to them. For instance, they may be set out on an order form.
- 7.3. If we agree in writing to charge you on some other basis than the price list, that agreement is taken to be a special term.
- 7.4. Special terms are not part of our standard form of agreement, but they are part of our business contract with you.

8. About our business contract

- 8.1. When we supply a service to you, the terms and conditions of supply consist of:
 - 8.1.1. these core terms – Part 1; and
 - 8.1.2. any applicable category terms – Part 2; and
 - 8.1.3. any applicable service terms; and
 - 8.1.4. the applicable items in the price list; and

8.1.5. any applicable special terms.

8.2. Together, those terms and conditions and items are called the 'business contract'.

9. What if different parts of the business contract conflict?

To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between them, the parts of the business contract have the following order of priority, from highest to lowest:

9.1. special terms;

9.2. price list;

9.3. service terms;

9.4. category terms;

9.5. core terms.

10. When does our standard form of agreement apply?

10.1. This version of our standard form of agreement is in force from midnight at the start of 25 September 2007.

10.2. If there was an existing fixed term contract to supply services to you when this version of our standard form of agreement came into force:

10.2.1. the existing contract continues until the end of the fixed term; and

10.2.2. after that, this version of our standard form of agreement applies.

10.3. If we enter a contract with you after 25 September 2005 that states that our standard form of agreement does not apply, then it does not apply to that contract.

10.4. Otherwise, our standard form of agreement applies to all services that we supply while it is in force except services provided under a consumer contract.

11. Changes to business contracts

11.1. We may change the terms of your business contract, subject to this clause.

11.2. We may change any part of our standard form of agreement by amending the Official Copy⁴.

11.3. We may change our price list at any time.

11.4. We may change any other part of your business contract, including our price list, by informing you of the change (on 30 days' notice)⁵, but in the case of fixed term contracts (or contracts still inside the minimum term) we cannot change the price you pay until after the fixed term or the minimum term has expired.

11.5. If the *Telecommunications Act 1997* or any other law requires us to comply with any steps or requirements before we change our standard form of agreement in a particular way, such changes do not take effect until we have complied with those steps or requirements.

11.6. You can change your business contract at the expiration of the minimum term:

⁴ See clause 12 for information about the Official Copy.

⁵ See clause 44 for the ways in which we can give you information.

- 11.6.1. if we agree; and
- 11.6.2. if you give us 14 days' notice prior to the commencement of the next billing month – but we are never obliged to effect any change until the start of the next billing month after the expiry of your 14 day notice.

11.7. Otherwise:

- 11.7.1. changes to our standard form of agreement take effect when we change the Official Copy; and
- 11.7.2. changes to any other part of a business contract take effect when we inform you of the change.

12. Locating the 'Official Copy' of our standard form of agreement

- 12.1. The 'Official Copy' of our standard form of agreement (i.e. these core terms and category terms) is the copy published online at www.nextgennetworks.com.au/contracts/sfoa.
- 12.2. The Official Copy is taken to be the current and accurate version of those documents at any time.

13. Some changes to your business contract may entitle you to cancel it

- 13.1. If we change your business contract, you may be entitled to cancel it early. But you only have that right strictly in accordance with this clause.
- 13.2. You may cancel your business contract if:
 - 13.2.1. we increase the charges that apply to it; and
 - 13.2.2. the increase is not limited to passing on increases in costs that we incur to a third party⁶ or in government charges⁷; and
 - 13.2.3. the increase in charges would have increased your actual payments to us if it had applied from a date six months earlier⁸; and
 - 13.2.4. you give us written notice of cancellation within 30 days after we inform you of the increase in charges.
- 13.3. If you cancel a business contract under clause 13.2:
 - 13.3.1. the cancellation takes effect seven days after we receive your notice;
 - 13.3.2. you must pay all charges that accrue before then; but
 - 13.3.3. we will recalculate those charges to disregard the increase in charges, if you ask us to do so before you pay your final bill.

14. Rights and obligations that survive termination

When a business contract ends:

⁶ e.g. if we resupply a service acquired from a wholesaler, and the wholesaler increases its charges to us.

⁷ e.g. if the rate of GST is increased.

⁸ e.g. if we apply a data upload charge to uploads above 10GB, but that would not have affected you if it had applied during the previous six months.

- 14.1. a right of action that arises from a breach that occurred before it ended survives;
- 14.2. charges for services delivered before it ended can be invoiced and recovered;
- 14.3. clauses 14, 19, 25, 33, 34, 39, 40 and 53 continue to operate; and
- 14.4. any other clause in the business contract that indicates that the clause survives termination also continues to operate.

15. How do you order services?

- 15.1. We may receive an order in any form we choose e.g. by written application or over the telephone.
- 15.2. You must comply with any ordering procedures that we specify e.g. if we ask you to use a particular order form, you must do so.
- 15.3. We are not obliged to accept any order.
- 15.4. You must ensure that you provide us with all the information we request in relation to your order⁹ and that the information you provide is correct.

16. What other terms, etc. apply?

Except for things set out in express terms in a business contract, and things that are implied by law and cannot be excluded, there are no other representations, promises, warranties, covenants or undertakings between the parties and business contracts contain the entire understanding between us.

17. What if we supply a mixture of services?

If we supply a mixture of services, the special terms, prices, service terms and category terms that would apply to the different services if ordered separately apply to each of them individually within the mixture.

18. Charges, invoicing, payment, etc.

- 18.1. We may charge you, and you must pay us, in accordance with our price list.
- 18.2. Set up charges are payable as soon as we agree to provide a service, or at any later date we agree to in writing.
- 18.3. Periodic or repeating charges are payable from the date when we inform you that we are ready to supply the service, whether or not you actually make use of the service.
- 18.4. All other charges, including excess use charges, are payable on invoice.
- 18.5. When a business contract is terminated or otherwise ends:
 - 18.5.1. we may immediately invoice any accrued charges (but later invoicing remains effective);
 - 18.5.2. our invoices must be paid immediately; and
 - 18.5.3. we have a lien over any customer equipment for unpaid charges.
- 18.6. At our discretion, we may require payment of an advance deposit (or a Direct Debit Authority, or a Credit Card Authority) against future charges or out-of pocket expenses. If we do, it becomes a condition of your business contract.
- 18.7. We may vary the amount of advance deposit we require under clause 18.6 at any time.

⁹ e.g. information requested in an order form.

- 18.8. We may invoice you whenever charges have accrued, but we normally invoice by 'billing months'. A 'billing month' is a month, starting on the same day of the month that your business contract started¹⁰.
- 18.9. If we hold your advance deposit, Direct Debit Authority, or Credit Card Authority, we may draw payment as soon as a charge has accrued

19. Payment of invoices

- 19.1. You must pay our invoices within 30 days from the date of invoice by means of a payment method that we approve.
- 19.2. Apart from our other rights in case of non-payment, we may suspend any services and/or charge interest and/or a one off fee for late payment.
- 19.3. Interest will be calculated at the rate specified from time to time under the *Penalty Interest Rate Act 1983* (Victoria), calculated daily.
- 19.4. If your payment is dishonoured then we may pass on our bank's dishonour fees and a one off administrative fee to you.
- 19.5. Our invoices are conclusive evidence of the amount payable, but we will always act reasonably when considering a genuine billing dispute in clause

20. Disputes – general

- 20.1. We always encourage dispute resolution by discussion, and we invite you to raise issues with us informally at first instance.
- 20.2. In some circumstances, you may have a statutory right to refer a complaint or dispute to a third party. Nothing in your business contract affects those rights, but we still encourage you to discuss issues with us before taking other steps.
- 20.3. We divide disputes into two categories – billing disputes and general disputes. When a formal dispute resolution process is required, we have a customised procedure for each of them.

21. Billing disputes

- 21.1. You may dispute charges in an invoice by written notice that:
- 21.1.1. you give to us within 14 days of the date of the invoice;
 - 21.1.2. clearly identifies you and the invoice you dispute;
 - 21.1.3. detail the grounds of your dispute.
- 21.2. We will acknowledge your notice within 14 days of its receipt.
- 21.3. You must still pay the disputed invoice by its due date. If we uphold your dispute, we shall credit your account within a reasonable time.

¹⁰ e.g. if your business contract started on 15 May, new 'billing months' start on the 15th day of each month after that.

22. General disputes

- 22.1. If a business contract includes a service level guarantee that deals with a dispute between us, the dispute must be dealt with according to that service level guarantee.
- 22.2. If you dispute an invoice, the dispute must be dealt with under clause 21.
- 22.3. Otherwise, if you have a dispute with us then you must notify us by notice in writing which must:
 - 22.3.1. be given to us within 14 days of the date of the invoice;
 - 22.3.2. clearly identifies you and the invoice you dispute;
 - 22.3.3. detail the grounds of your dispute.
- 22.4. We will acknowledge your notice within 14 days of its receipt.
- 22.5. You must still pay all invoices by their due date.

23. Minimum terms

If a business contract has a minimum term:

- 23.1. you cannot cancel it during the minimum term (except in specific cases where these terms say otherwise);
- 23.2. after that, either of us may cancel it by giving the other at least 30 days' written notice, ending at the end of a billing month; and otherwise
- 23.3. it continues until one of us cancels it.

24. Repeating terms

- 24.1. If a business contract has a repeating term, it serially repeats for that term unless one of us gives the other written notice that they do not wish to repeat it.
- 24.2. If a notice under clause 24.1 is given less than a month before the end of the current term, it takes effect at the end of the next term, not the end of the current term.

25. GST

- 25.1. Except where express provision is made to the contrary, the *consideration* payable by the customer under this agreement represents the *value* of any *taxable supply* for which payment is to be made.
- 25.2. Subject to us supplying you with a valid *tax invoice*, if we make a *taxable supply* for a *consideration*, which represents its *value*, then you will pay, at the same time and in the same manner as the *value* is otherwise payable, (or, if for any reason that does not happen, without delay after we request you to) the amount of any *GST* payable in respect of the *taxable supply*.
- 25.3. Subject to us supplying you with a valid *tax invoice*, if this agreement requires you to pay, reimburse or contribute to an amount paid or payable by us in respect of an *acquisition* of a *taxable supply* from a third party, the amount required to be paid, reimbursed or contributed by you will be the *value* of the *acquisition* by us less any *input tax credit* to which we are entitled plus, if our recovery from you is a *taxable supply*, any *GST* payable under clause 25.2.

26. Will we provide support for services?

- 26.1. We will support a service as specified in the business contract.

- 26.2. We are not obliged to support a service in any way that is not specified. For instance, unless a business contract states otherwise, we are not obliged to provide:
- 26.2.1. on-site support;
 - 26.2.2. software or hardware support; or
 - 26.2.3. support outside business hours.
- 26.3. If a business contract includes a service level guarantee, we will provide support in accordance with it.

27. Acceptable Use Policies

- 27.1. You must comply with any AUP we publish, as amended from time to time.
- 27.2. We will not use an AUP as a 'backdoor' way of changing the express provisions of a business contract, or of imposing increased charges.

28. What are your other obligations?

You must:

- 28.1. supply, set-up, configure and maintain your own computer and communications equipment;
- 28.2. obtain any permit, licence or consent which you are required to have for the service to be provided;
- 28.3. be responsible for all data that you retrieve, store, transmit, or use in any other way;
- 28.4. back up all your data;
- 28.5. maintain the security of your password and user identification;
- 28.6. not:
 - 28.6.1. do anything which will damage or interfere with our network or facilities;
 - 28.6.2. do anything unlawful with a service;
 - 28.6.3. share a service with any third party without our written consent; or
 - 28.6.4. do anything with a service which may subject either you or us to a claim;
- 28.7. use any goods or services we supply you for ordinary personal, domestic or household use or consumption.

29. Your responsibility for use of your service when we provide a service under a business contract with you:

- 29.1. you are responsible, and must pay, for all use of that service, by you or anyone else; and
- 29.2. you are responsible, and must pay, for use by anyone else even if they used the service without your knowledge or authority.

30. How can we suspend services?

- 30.1. We may suspend service under a business contract without notice and without any liability for loss and without prejudice to our rights under the business contract or at law if:

- 30.1.1. we suspect that your service has been accessed without authority, or the integrity of the your service has been compromised;
- 30.1.2. we suspect that your service has been used for unlawful purposes;
- 30.1.3. you have not paid money you owe us;
- 30.1.4. we consider it is necessary to protect our network;
- 30.1.5. you or a guarantor has an adverse credit report;
- 30.1.6. you are in breach of clause 18.6 or any other clause of your business contract;
- 30.1.7. a governmental or law enforcement agency asks us to do so;
- 30.1.8. a wholesaler requires us to do so;
- 30.1.9. a wholesaler ceases to provide us with a service;
- 30.1.10. there is a force majeure;
- 30.1.11. we consider that unless we do so, there is an unacceptable risk that there will be a breach of a law or of an agreement between us and a wholesaler; or
- 30.1.12. you have changed your contact details without informing us.
- 30.2. Suspension does not affect your liability for charges under your business contract.
- 30.3. Unless the reason or circumstance that caused the suspension is resolved to our satisfaction within seven days of the suspension, we may terminate your business contract.

31. How can a business contract be terminated?

- 31.1. A business contract can only be terminated:
 - 31.1.1. on notice by either party, given after any minimum term has expired. Such a notice takes effect at the end of the next billing month that occurs at least 30 days after the notice was given; or
 - 31.1.2. in accordance with clauses 24 or 31.2; or
 - 31.1.3. in any other way that the business contract allows.
- 31.2. We may terminate your business contract/s immediately if you:
 - 31.2.1. become insolvent;
 - 31.2.2. are subject to an application for winding up;
 - 31.2.3. are subject to any form of external administration or management;
 - 31.2.4. fail to pay us money within 14 days of it being due;
 - 31.2.5. breach a business contract and fail to remedy the breach within seven days after receiving a notice requiring that it be remedied;
 - 31.2.6. die;
 - 31.2.7. have provided false or misleading information to us –and in any other circumstances where the business contract allows us to.
- 31.3. If we terminate a business contract because you have breached it, you must pay us, on invoice, the charges that would have been payable under that business contract if it had not been terminated until after any minimum term.

- 31.4. If you have more than one business contract, and you breach one of them, you are in breach of all of them. We can terminate any or all of your business contracts, or exercise any other rights we have under a business contract.

32. Warranties and liability

- 32.1. To the extent permitted by law we:
- 32.1.1. will provide services with reasonable care and skill but do not warrant that they will be provided without fault or disruption;
 - 32.1.2. do not provide a service level guarantee or any guaranteed service level unless the business contract states otherwise;
 - 32.1.3. do not provide a warranty for hardware provided under a business contract, but we will (where capable of assignment) assign the benefit of any manufacturer's warranty to you.
- 32.2. Except for any express warranties in a business contract, to the extent permitted by law we disclaim all express and implied warranties in relation to a service or a business contract.
- 32.3. In the case of any breach of a business contract, or any negligence for which we are responsible, or breach of a condition or warranty that legislation prohibits us from excluding (which condition or warranty shall accordingly be included), our liability to you will be limited, at our option, to:
- 32.3.1. if the breach or negligence relates to goods –
 - 32.3.1.1. replacement of any goods involved or the supply of equivalent goods;
 - 32.3.1.2. the repair of such goods;
 - 32.3.1.3. the payment of the cost of replacing the goods or of acquiring equivalent goods; or
 - 32.3.1.4. the payment of the cost of having the goods repaired; and
 - 32.3.2. if the breach relates to services –
 - 32.3.2.1. supplying of the services again; and
 - 32.3.2.2. the payment of the cost (for the period of the breach) of having the services supplied again.
- 32.4. In no circumstances are we liable for any indirect, secondary or consequential loss or loss of income that you or anyone else may suffer.

33. Your indemnities

You indemnify us (on a full indemnity basis including all legal costs and expenses) against any claim, loss or damage we suffer to the extent that it arises from:

- 33.1. any act or omission;
 - 33.2. any breach of any law;
 - 33.3. any breach of a business contract or an AUP;
 - 33.4. unauthorised use of a service –
- by you or anyone using a service we provide to you.

34. Who is responsible for the safety of data and set up?

- 34.1. Unless a business contract specifies that we will create a backup of any data and/or customised software set up of yours, you are solely responsible for ensuring that you have a complete, working back up of them.
- 34.2. We are entitled to assume that you have complied with clause 34.1.
- 34.3. You indemnify us against loss or damage that you or anyone else suffers as a result of damage to data or customised software set up on your computer system.
- 34.4. We are not obliged to provide you or any third party with historical data (e.g. material that used to be stored on our server).
- 34.5. You do not have any rights to any particular user identification, password, customer number, IP address, or any other thing which we may provide as part of a service. We can direct you to change these at any time.
- 34.6. We are not required to store any email or data in accounts that are not active¹¹, and we are not responsible for any loss or damage because of this.

35. Matters you acknowledge

- 35.1. A business contract may state that you acknowledge certain matters.
- 35.2. You must accept service from us subject to those matters, and none of them constitutes a defect in service.
- 35.3. You release us from all losses and claims in respect of, or out of, such matters or their consequences.

36. Will we monitor your system?

Unless a business contract states otherwise, no service is provided on the basis that we will:

- 36.1. monitor your computer system or any part of it;
- 36.2. follow up or review any issue once it has been attended to;
- 36.3. update, upgrade or patch anything in future;
- 36.4. notify or remind you about anything in future.

37. What if we supply equipment to you?

- 37.1. If we sell any equipment to you:
 - 37.1.1. we retain title to and ownership of that equipment until it is paid for in full;
 - 37.1.2. risk of loss or damage passes to you when it is delivered to your premises;
 - 37.1.3. you must fully insure it from the time of delivery and maintain the insurance until you obtain title, and failing that until the equipment is delivered up to us;
 - 37.1.4. you must not unless title has passed:

¹¹e.g. an account that is suspended or terminated.

- 37.1.4.1. mortgage, charge or encumber the equipment without our written consent;
and
- 37.1.4.2. loan, rent, license, transfer or assign or part with possession of the
equipment without our written consent.

38. What if our staff attends your premises?

If our staff attends any premises at your request, you must ensure that the premises are safe and free of risks to life, health or welfare.

39. What records may be kept?

39.1. Subject to the *Privacy Act 1988*, we may make and keep any record that we reasonably require for the purpose of operating our business. All such records are our sole property.

40. How must confidential information be treated?

- 40.1. Each party must treat the confidential information of the other party as confidential and commercially valuable and ensure that its representatives do the same.
- 40.2. You consent to us accessing your information and data for legitimate purposes to provide the service, improve the service or respond to complaints.

41. What laws must you observe?

You must observe all laws of Australia in relation to your use of our services.

42. Privacy

- 42.1. We may deal with your personal information in accordance with our privacy policy as amended from time to time.
- 42.2. We may use your personal information for promotional and marketing purposes until you request to opt out of receiving such information.

43. What if there is force majeure?

We are not responsible for the consequences of force majeure.

44. How can we inform you of matters?

- 44.1. We can 'inform' you of a matter under a business contract:
 - 44.1.1. by giving you a notice under clause 45; or
 - 44.1.2. in any other reasonable way, such as orally.

45. How can we give you a notice?

- 45.1. Some laws (e.g. the *Telecommunications (Standard Form of Agreement) Determination*) regulate the way in which certain notices can be given. This clause is subject to any such laws, and we shall comply with them as applicable.
- 45.2. We can give you a notice:

- 45.2.1. by emailing the notice (or a hyperlink to a web page that contains the notice) to:
 - 45.2.1.1. the most recent email address you supplied to us; or
 - 45.2.1.2. any nextgennetworks.com.au email address you have; or
 - 45.2.1.3. to any email address whose mail server we host;
 - 45.2.2. by fax to the most recent fax number you supplied to us;
 - 45.2.3. by ordinary mail or hand delivery to the most recent postal address you supplied to us, or (if you are a company) to your registered office;
 - 45.2.4. by hand delivery to you;
 - 45.2.5. by sending the notice by SMS to the last mobile phone number you supplied to us;
 - 45.2.6. by publishing the notice on our web site and sending you an alert about the notice (including its web site address) by SMS to the last mobile phone number you supplied to us;
 - 45.2.7. in any other way permitted by law.
- 45.3. Any notice that we send you is deemed to have been received by you as follows:
- 45.3.1. if it (or a hyperlink to it) is emailed: one hour after it leaves our mail server;
 - 45.3.2. if it (or a hyperlink to it) is emailed to a .nextgennetworks.com.au email address that you may have: one hour after we send it;
 - 45.3.3. if it is faxed: when our fax machine issues a successful delivery record;
 - 45.3.4. if it is mailed: at 10 a.m. on the second business day after posting;
 - 45.3.5. if it is hand delivered to you or your postal address or (if you are a company) your registered office – at the time of delivery;
 - 45.3.6. if it is delivered in another way – at the time when it would have been delivered in the normal course of that way of delivery.
- 45.4. A notice from us need not be signed.
- 45.5. You consent to us using email for any notice under the *Telecommunications (Standard Form of Agreement) Determination*.

46. How can you give us a notice?

- 46.1. You can give us a notice:
 - 46.1.1. by fax to the current fax number indicated by our web site contact details page;
 - 46.1.2. by ordinary mail or hand delivery to the current postal address indicated by our web site contact details page –and in no other way.
- 46.2. Any notice that you send us has no effect until we actually receive it. Even then, it has no effect:
 - 46.2.1. if it is mailed: before noon on the second business day after posting;
 - 46.2.2. if it is received outside business hours: before noon on the next business day;
 - 46.2.3. if it is received after 3.00 p.m. on any day: before noon on the next business day.

- 46.3. A notice from you must be signed. We are never obliged to verify any mark that purports to be your signature. If you are a corporation, we are never obliged to verify the authority of anyone who purports to sign on your behalf.
- 46.4. Any notice that you send us must be in the English language.

47. What is the customer contact?

- 47.1. On our request, you must nominate at least one customer contact.
- 47.2. You must keep us informed of current and accurate contact details of your customer contact/s.
- 47.3. A customer contact must be contactable at all reasonable times.
- 47.4. We may deal with a customer contact on the basis that they are your representative and have your full authority.
- 47.5. A person remains your customer contact until we are given notice that they are no longer your customer contact.

48. How can rights be waived?

No right under a business contract can be waived except by notice in writing signed by the party waiving it. If a party overlooks a breach by the other party on one or more occasions, it is not taken to have agreed to any future breach.

49. Can this agreement be assigned?

- 49.1. You may not transfer your rights or obligations under a business contract to or share them with anyone without our prior written consent.
- 49.2. We may transfer our rights or obligations under this agreement to or share them with anyone on notice to you.

50. Can we obtain a credit check?

- 50.1. You authorise us to do the things set out in this clause 50 and acknowledge that we may do so, whenever we see fit for as long as a business contract continues or you owe us any money.
- 50.2. We may use a credit report (within the meaning of the *Privacy Act 1988*) on you to assess your creditworthiness or for debt recovery purposes.
- 50.3. We may give to a credit reporting agency any information we have about you to enable us to obtain a credit report.
- 50.4. We may exchange information about you with other credit providers or a credit reporting agency.
- 50.5. You acknowledge that we are authorised to do the things set out in this clause 50 under the *Privacy Act 1988* and that to assess or review your creditworthiness, we may:(a) request a third party to report about the your creditworthiness; and (b) disclose financial, credit and other information about you to any person.
- 50.6. You must cooperate with any enquiries that we make about your creditworthiness and provide any further information, consent or authority we reasonably require.

51. Are there restrictions on use of third party software?

- 51.1. If we provide any third party software to you, then:

51.1.1. we do so subject to the licence terms and conditions that apply to that software; and

51.1.2. you are solely responsible for ensuring the suitability and compatibility of the software.

51.2. If you use software not distributed or approved by us, you acknowledge that it may result in interference to the service or it may result in loss, which we are not responsible for.

52. Severance

If any provision in this agreement is unlawful or inconsistent with any law, then to the extent of the unlawful nature or inconsistency, that provision may be severed from without affecting the remainder of the agreement.

53. What law applies to this agreement?

This agreement and any business contract is governed by the law of Victoria, Australia. Subject to clause 41, any legal proceedings relating to them can only be taken in courts with jurisdiction in Victoria.

54. What if time expires on a holiday?

Anything that can or must be done on or before a day that is not a business day can be done on the next business day.

55. Who pays government charges?

You must pay stamp duty and other government charges in relation to a business contract.

56. How is this agreement interpreted? In this agreement or a business contract, unless the context indicates otherwise:

56.1. Dictionary

the expression:	means:
AUP	our Acceptable Use Policy/ies
base allowance	a service use allowance below the amount that attracts excess use charges e.g. if an internet access service allows 2 GB in downloads before excess use charges apply, 2 GB is the 'base allowance'
billing dispute	a dispute or difference between us as to whether you are liable to pay an amount that we have invoiced to you
billing month	has the meaning given by clause 18.8

business contract	the documents indicated by clause 8
business day	any day from Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding any public holidays observed in Victoria
business hours	between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a business day
claim	any demand, or allegation of liability, and all related costs, claims, demands, liability, damages, losses and expenses of any nature including all legal expenses suffered or incurred
confidential information	any information of a party which the other party knows or should know is confidential to the other party, for as long as it remains confidential, or would have remained confidential except for a wrongful disclosure by the first party
consumer contract	<p>a contract that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subject to Part 2B of the <i>Fair Trading Act 1999</i> (Victoria) or a corresponding law of Australia or a State or Territory;• with a 'consumer' within the meaning of clause 4.1 of ACIF Code C620:2005 <i>Consumer Contracts</i>;• with a 'customer' within the meaning of clause 2.2 of ACIF Code C541:2006 <i>Credit Management</i>;• with a 'consumer' within the meaning of ACIF Code C628:2007 <i>Telecommunications Consumer Protections</i> – <p>as amended, updated or replaced from time to time, or with a customer for less than six telephone lines or customer equipment with less than six telephone lines</p>
core terms	this document
Credit Card Authority	a written authority to debit your credit card (or a verbal authority to do so), in the form available

	on our website
customer	has the meaning given by clause 2.2
customer contact	a person/s nominated by you under clause 47
customer equipment	server/s and associated equipment and, where they are connected to a telecommunications services provided by a carrier, those connections
dictionary	this table of defined terms
Direct Debit Authority	a written authority to debit your bank account, in the form available on our website
disputed amount	in relation to a billing dispute means the amount within the relevant invoice that you dispute liability to pay
excess use charge	a charge for use of a service in excess of any base allowance
fixed service fees	fees for any service that apply on a once only basis, or on a periodic basis and are not variable based on data volumes as between periods
force majeure	an event or circumstances beyond our reasonable control
general dispute	any dispute or difference between us other than (a) a billing dispute or (b) a claim by us solely for the payment of money
GST	GST within the meaning of the GST Act
GST Act	<i>A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (as amended)</i>

loss	any harm, losses or expenses of any nature whether direct or indirect, secondary or consequential suffered by your or anyone else
manufacturer's warranty	a warranty given by the manufacturer or distributor of a thing, or a person from whom we obtain a thing for resupply
minimum term	a period that we specify as such
office hours	between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a business day
periodic fee	a fee payable at regular intervals e.g. an amount per month
personal information	the same thing as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i>
price list	our list of fees and charges from time to time
Nextgen or 'we'	Nextgen Networks Pty Ltd ACN 094 147 403
repeating term	a period that we specify as such
representative	a delegate, authorised representative, employee or agent
service	any service that you request and we agree to supply, generally as described in a service description
service terms	has the meaning given by clause 5
set up charge	a charge that we describe as such, or any charge that we require to be paid in respect of the set up or establishment of a service
undisputed amount	in relation to a billing dispute means the amount within the relevant invoice that you do not dispute

liability to pay

wholesaler

a third party whose services we utilise in
provided a service to you

56.2. Interpretation

- 56.2.1. If an expression is defined in the dictionary in clause 56.1, that is what it means.
- 56.2.2. If an expression is defined in the dictionary, grammatical derivatives of that expression have a corresponding meaning. (For instance, if 'to colour' means 'to paint red', then 'coloured' means 'painted red'.)
- 56.2.3. Headings and footnotes are only for convenience. They are to be ignored when interpreting the agreement.
- 56.2.4. A schedule to a document is part of that document.
- 56.2.5. A reference to the singular includes the plural and vice versa.
- 56.2.6. Where one thing is said to include one or more other things, it is not limited to those other things.
- 56.2.7. There is no significance in the use of gender-specific language.
- 56.2.8. A 'person' includes any entity which can sue and be sued.
- 56.2.9. A 'person' includes any legal successor to or representative of that person.
- 56.2.10. A reference to a law includes any amendment or replacement of that law.
- 56.2.11. Anything that is unenforceable must be read down, to the point of severance if necessary.
- 56.2.12. Anything a party can do, it may do through an appropriately authorised representative.
- 56.2.13. Any matter in our discretion, including anything that we 'may' do, is in our absolute and unfettered discretion.
- 56.2.14. Expressions in clause 25 in italics have the same meaning as in the GST Act.
- 56.2.15. Apart from the matters set out in black and white in a business contract, we are not obliged to provide any service, and make no promise or representation, to you.