

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
Assessment of Telecommunications Providers

B. What telecommunications providers are subject to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin’s (Commission) direct and remainder, intrastate telephone relay, and intrastate universal service fund (USF) assessments?

The table below depicts assessments as applied to telecommunications providers by the Commission. If a provider is certified or registered in more than one category, the provider is assessed if any category is assessable.

Entity Type (& Wisconsin statutory reference)	Direct Assessment 196.85(1)	Remainder Assessment 196.85(2)	Telephone Relay Assessment 196.858	USF Assessments 196.218(3)¹	Police and Fire Protection Assessment 196.025	Telecommunications Trade Practices Assessment 196.859
ILECs ² (other than Cooperatives) and CLEC's .	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
ILEC Cooperatives	Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
ATU-Resellers ³	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Providers ⁴	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Telecommunications Carriers (Interexchange Carriers)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Non-provider retailers offering pre-paid telecommunications plans.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Not Applicable

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Interconnected Voice over Internet Providers	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
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1 As provided in Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 160, Wisconsin telecommunications providers with intrastate gross telecommunications revenues of less than \$200,000 during a previous calendar year are exempt from assessment for USF purposes.

2 Including companies which have been recertified by the Commission as alternative telecommunications utilities under Wis. Stat. § 196.50(2)(j)1.a., or telecommunications utilities under Wis. Stat. § 196.50(2)(j)1.b.

3 Assessments apply to resellers with \$200,000 or more of annual assessable revenues, as set forth in Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 168. For resellers with less than \$200,000 annual revenue, those entities are currently subject to an annual fee. The current annual fee is \$100.

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