

International dialing uses country codes from 1 to 3 digits. These are grouped (usually) according to geographic location. Not all countries can dial direct to all other overseas codes, but these are the codes by which a country's telephone network is recognised.

When listing a telephone number in international correspondence, one format often used lists the country code followed by the area code and local number digits required to complete the call. For instance, the number (400) 012.3456 in North America would be listed as "+ 1 400 012 3456". The overseas dialing code would be used then the digits after the "+".

Example: "+44 71 967 1111" would be dialed from North America as 011 + 44 71 967 1111.

Codes marked with '%' mean that this is a country not dialable from Canada as of March 1990.

INTERNATIONAL DIALING CODES

- 1 - North America
Canada, USA including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands,
Jamaica, Barbados, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Cayman Islands,
British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Bahamas, Dominica, Dominican
Republic, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Christopher and Nevis,
St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Bequia, Mustique,
Prune (Palm) Island, Union Island)
(Trinidad and Tobago [1])

Notes:

Mexico locations with former Zone 1 style area codes (706, 903, 905) are generally out of service by now. This was only a rigged-up system to allow dialing to Mexico City and Northwest Mexico from U.S. or Canadian phones. These are not official (were in use within the U.S. and Canada *only*) and are now replaced with the overseas dialing system (country code 52).

[1] Trinidad and Tobago has been assigned code 296. The date when this country code will take effect is unknown.

(2) Country Codes...

Africa

20 - Egypt	232 - Sierra Leone	255 - Tanzania [2]
210 - (reserved Morocco)	233 - Ghana	256 - Uganda
211 - (reserved Morocco)	234 - Nigeria	257 - Burundi
212 - Morocco	235 - Chad %	258 - Mozambique
213 - Algeria	236 - Central African Rep	259 - Zanzibar [2] %
214 - (reserved Algeria)	237 - Cameroon	260 - Zambia
215 - (reserved Algeria)	238 - Cape Verde	261 - Madagascar
216 - Tunisia	239 - Sao Tome & Principe	262 - Reunion (France)
217 - (reserved Tunisia)	240 - Equatorial Guinea %	263 - Zimbabwe
218 - Libya	241 - Gabonese Republic	264 - Namibia
219 - (reserved Libya)	242 - Congo %	265 - Malawi
220 - Gambia	243 - Zaire	266 - Lesotho
221 - Senegal	244 - Angola	267 - Botswana
222 - Mauritania %	245 - Guinea-Bissau %	268 - Swaziland
223 - Mali	246 - Diego-Garcia %	269 - Comoros & Mayotte
224 - Guinea	247 - Ascension	27 - South Africa
225 - Cote d'Ivoire	248 - Seychelles	290 - St Helena [3]
226 - Burkina Faso	249 - Sudan	295 - San Marino [4] %
227 - Niger	250 - Rwandese Republic	296 - Trinidad/Tobago % [5]
228 - Togolese Republic	251 - Ethiopia	297 - Aruba [6]
229 - Benin	252 - Somalia %	298 - Faroe Islands [7]
230 - Mauritius	253 - Djibouti	299 - Greenland [8]
231 - Liberia	254 - Kenya	

Unknown or unassigned:

280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289
290, 291, 292, 293, 294.

Notes:

- [2] Zanzibar is routed via Tanzania as + 255 54, though the country code 259 is assigned for Zanzibar.
- [3] St Helena is a code found in service under British Telecom. It may not be an official assignment much as it would be a hack used by BT to provide overseas service to that point.
- [4] San Marino will be split from Italy's country code (was 39).
- [5] Trinidad and Tobago are new with country code 296, moving out of North American area code 809 (ie. + 1 809). The date when this country code takes effect is unknown.
- [6] Aruba got its own country code when it formally became independent of the Netherlands Antilles 1st January 1986.
- [7] was under Norway
- [8] Greenland (country code 299) is supposed to be in the part of the world where country codes begin with 3 or 4 (Europe). However, since all those codes are used up, 299 is as close to 3 or 4 as possible. Country codes beginning with 5 are also all gone.

(3) Country Codes...

International Dialing Country Codes (continued)

Europe

30 - Greece	355 - Albania	41 - Switzerland,
31 - Netherlands	356 - Malta	Liechtenstein [12]
32 - Belgium	357 - Cyprus	42 - Czechoslovakia
33 - Andorra, France,	358 - Finland	43 - Austria
Monaco [9]	359 - Bulgaria	44 - United Kingdom
34 - Spain	36 - Hungary	45 - Denmark
350 - Gibraltar	37 - East Germany [10]	46 - Sweden
351 - Portugal	38 - Yugoslavia	47 - Norway
352 - Luxembourg	39 - Italy, San Marino,	48 - Poland
353 - Eire (Irish Rep)	Vatican City [10]	49 - West Germany
354 - Iceland	40 - Romania %	

All codes beginning with 3 or 4 have been assigned at this time.

Notes:

- [9] Andorra: + 33 628, Monaco: + 33 93
- [10] Still active, even though the Germanies are now united; it is likely that country code 37 will be taken out of service as the telephone system in a united Germany will be organised under country code 49
- [11] San Marino: + 39 541, but moving to country code 295 at some unknown date
Vatican City: + 39 66982
- [12] Liechtenstein: + 41 75

South & Central America

500 - Falkland Islands %	51 - Peru	592 - Guyana
501 - Belize	52 - Mexico	593 - Ecuador
502 - Guatemala	53 - Cuba [13]	594 - Guiana (French)
503 - El Salvador	54 - Argentina	595 - Paraguay
504 - Honduras	55 - Brazil	596 - Martinique [15]
505 - Nicaragua	56 - Chile	597 - Suriname
506 - Costa Rica	57 - Colombia	598 - Uruguay
507 - Panama	58 - Venezuela	599 - Netherlands Antilles
508 - St Pierre&Miquelon	590 - Guadeloupe [14]	Antilles [16]
509 - Haiti	591 - Bolivia	

All codes beginning with 5 have been assigned at this time.

Notes:

- [13] Guantanamo Bay US Naval Base: + 53 99, a special hack dialable from USA
- [14] includes French Antilles: St Barthelemy, St Martin, Guadeloupe
- [15] should now be onlyu Martinique; was all of French Antilles
- [16] includes Saint Maarten, Saba, Statia, Curacao, Bonaire

(4) Country Codes...

South Pacific

60 - Malaysia	673 - Brunei Darussalm	686 - Kiribati, Gilbert Is
61 - Australia	674 - Nauru %	687 - New Caldonia
62 - Indonesia	675 - Papua New Guinea	688 - Tuvalu, Ellice Is %
63 - Philippines	676 - Tonga	(Saipan?)
64 - New Zealand	677 - Solomon Islands	689 - French Polynesia
65 - Singapore	678 - Vanuatu [18]	690 - Tokelan
66 - Thailand	679 - Fiji Islands	691 - F.S. of Micronesia
670 - Marianna Isl. [17]	680 - Palau %	692 - Marshall Islands
671 - Guam	681 - Wallis & Fortuna %	
672 - Austr. Extrn. Ter.:	682 - Cook Islands	
Christmas Island,	683 - Niue Island %	
Cocos Islands,	684 - American Samoa	
Norfolk Island	685 - Western Samoa	

Unknown or unused: 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699

Notes:

[17] that is, Northern Mariana Islands, or Saipan

[18] or New Hebrides

Soviet Union

7 - USSR

Note:

It may not be possible to dial that many places within the Soviet Union, even where direct dialing facilities are available. In other words, there may be access to Moscow and perhaps a few other cities, but there may be many cities that remain inaccessible through overseas dialing.

(5) Country Codes...

International Dialing Country Codes (continued)

East Asia (plus Inmarsat/MarSAT)

81 - Japan	855 - Cambodia	874 - Inmarsat (Atl. W) [19]
82 - South Korea	856 - Laos	878 - reserved [20]
84 - Vietnam %	86 - China	879 - reserved [20]
850 - North Korea	871 - Inmarsat (Atl E) [19]	880 - Bangladesh [21]
852 - Hong Kong	872 - Inmarsat (Pacific)	886 - Taiwan [21]
853 - Macao	873 - Inmarsat (Indian)	

Unknown or unused: 800 [22],
801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809,
830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839,
851, 854, 857, 858, 859,
881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 887, 888, 889,
890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899

Unknown or unused, but reserved for Maritime Mobile service:
870, 875, 876, 877

Notes:

- [19] 874 is a new assignment as INMARSAT is putting a fourth satellite into service, and adjusting its zones accordingly. This is to allow for new land-based services on the INMARSAT network, particularly in North America. 874 will become Atlantic Ocean Region West, while 871 will be for Atlantic Ocean Region East.
- [20] Reserved for national mobile/maritime uses in various countries
- [21] By CCITT policy, no more country codes of the 880-889 series are supposed to be assigned until all other country codes beginning with 8 have been taken. 886 for Taiwan is an unofficial code used for access to Taiwan. The "People's" Republic of China, on the other hand, has assigned Taiwan access via country code 866 (presumably + 86 6, through China).
- [22] There is some discussion in CCITT circles that the 800 country code could be established as an international-access toll free service. This is subject to a formal proposal and CCITT approval, however.

Middle East

90 - Turkey	962 - Jordan	971 - United Arab Emirates
91 - India	963 - Syria	972 - Israel
92 - Pakistan	964 - Iraq	973 - Bahrain
93 - Afghanistan %	965 - Kuwait	974 - Qatar
94 - Sri Lanka	966 - Saudi Arabia	976 - Mongolia %
95 - Myanmar (Burma)	967 - Yemen Arab Rep	977 - Nepal
960 - Maldives	968 - Oman	98 - Iran
961 - Lebanon	969 - Yemen Dem Rep % [23]	

Unused or Unknown: 970, 975, 978, 979,
990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999

Notes:

[23] with the unification of the Yemen republics, it appears that this country code will no longer be needed, as 967 Yemen Arab Republic code will likely take over. In the meantime, the dialing procedures remain as if Yemen were still separate countries, at least until the telephone system can be unified.

No country codes begin with '0'.

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(6) Country Codes...

There would be 197 assigned country codes, with 8 codes reserved (210, 211, 214, 215, 217, 219, 878, 879). 77 more standard country codes can be assigned (assuming that 2 digit codes aren't split up into 3 digit codes, etc), not including the 4 unassigned/unknown mobile/marSAT codes in the 87x series.

Approximately 21 country codes are not dialable from Canada as of December 1991 (including any country codes yet to be placed into service like Trinidad & Tobago). The most recent to be in service from Canada are 224 Guinea, 231 Liberia and 232 Sierra Leone. 355 Albania was recently made available for dialing, the result of reforms in that country. Romania (40) seemed to have been active for some time, but is presently unavailable as a dialable country. Also recently added were 233 Ghana, 253 Djibouti, 258 Mozambique, 264 Namibia, and 95 Myanmar (Burma). There are signs that 296 Trinidad and Tobago may be placed into service soon from Canada. From a payphone, it cost \$16.30 (in March 1991) for a 3-minute call to Myanmar/Burma from Canada. Ghana is a relative bargain at \$7.95 for 3 minutes. Don't even think of trying to use coins for an Inmarsat call (\$36 or more for the three minutes).

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