

ITEM **Digital Exchange Access Service**
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Note: The business service elements of this item are forborne from regulation in certain exchanges, as identified in Item 100.23.

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1. Service Description

Digital Exchange Access (DEA) service provides digital access between the customer’s premises or other service point and SaskTel’s public switched telephone network (PSTN). The access is provided on a DS-1 basis (1.544 Mbps) sub-divided into 24 DS-0 time slots at SaskTel’s digital switching system.

Digital Exchange Access service is made up of the following components:

Component	Description
Access facility	Provides the customer with a jack-ended digital local loop from the customer’s premises or other service point to the customer’s serving wire-centre within an exchange. The access facility is only available on a DS-1 basis consisting of 24 DS-0 time slots.
Link	Provides the central office equipment required to connect the access to specific services. Links are charged for on a DS-0 time slot basis.
Network	Provides for the use of network facilities particular to a service which can be accessed through DEA. These services include certain toll/plans and the network portion of primary exchange service (referred to as PSTN connectivity). A minimum of one DS-0 time slot is required for each network service.
PSTN termination	Provides the connection between the access facility and the PSTN. The PSTN termination is available on a DS-1 basis which is sub-divided into 24 time slots. A PSTN termination is required for each DS-1 access facility the customer obtains.

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1. Service Description – Continued

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Component	Description
Service extension	Extends DEA service via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intra-exchange digital facilities between the customer’s serving wire centre and the wire centre with DEA capability in the same exchange • inter-exchange digital facilities between the customer’s serving wire centre and the wire centre with DEA capability in a foreign exchange

The following optional features are available for an additional charge:

Feature	Description
Links to other services	Applies to each toll service or Centrex B channel, or in the case of toll free service it applies per number. Note: Links to Centrex enable some Centrex features, as defined by SaskTel, within a Centrex customer group to interwork with Digital Exchange Access.

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1. Termination charges apply as specified in the Dedicated Service Agreement. However, customers may terminate their existing contract as long as the customer contracts for an alternative access arrangement using either Megalink, or trunk-side access where permitted. The charges under the new contract must exceed or equal those remaining under the customer's existing contract for the termination charges to be completely waived. If the charges under the customer's new contract are less than those remaining on the customer's current contract, the customer's termination liability would be one-half of the difference between the charges remaining on the original contract and the charges of the new contract.
2. This service is only available where suitable facilities exist.
3. If suitable facilities are not available, the customer will be required to pay SaskTel's incremental costs to provided such facilities.
4. The service charge for each installation of an access includes two consecutive days (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays observed by SaskTel) of testing, rearrangements and required translations (assistance time). This condition also applies when the installation of additional accesses is requested subsequent to the installation of the initial access. Thereafter, a rate of \$89.00 per person per hour (minimum ½ hour), billed in ¼ hour increments will apply.

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3. Rates

The Customer shall pay to SaskTel the following rates and charges for Digital Exchange Access Service. Such rates and charges are in addition to any other rates and charges that may be applicable.

The following rates and charges apply to the *access facility* on Digital Exchange Access:

For ...	Monthly Rental	Service Charges
Access Facility	Refer to SaskTel General Tariff Item on Digital Network Access or SaskTel Competitor Access Tariff Item on Competitor Digital Network Services.	

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The following rates and charges apply to the *network* on Digital Exchange

To Link to ...	Monthly Rental	Service Charges
Toll service (per B channel)	\$5.00	\$50.00
Toll-free service (per Toll-free number)	8.00	
Type A Link Connection (Long Distance solutions or equivalent) (per B channel)	8.00	
Centrex interworking	35.00	

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The following rates and charges apply to the *link* on Digital Exchange Access:
Access:

For ...	Monthly Rental	Service Charges
Network (each PSTN Connectivity)	\$30.00	N/A

The following rates and charges apply to the *PSTN Connectivity* on Digital Exchange Access:

For ...	Monthly Rental	Service Charges
PSTN termination (each DS-1 access)	\$216.00	N/A

The following rates and charges apply to the *Optional Features* on Digital Exchange Access:

For ...	Monthly Rental	Service Charges
Calling Name & Number Display (outgoing each DS-1 Access)	\$288.00	\$100.00

