



Glossary of Local Number Porting Terms

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Here are a few of the commonly used local number porting (LNP) terms that it would pay to get your head around as you start with number porting.

Porting terms:

Donor	The Carrier or Carriage Service Provider to which a Telephone Number has been allocated or transferred under the Numbering Plan (basically the original Carrier the number was allocated to from ACMA)
Loser	The Carrier or Carriage Service Provider from which a Telephone Number has been or is to be ported (basically the current carrier who is about to lose the number)
Gaining	The Carrier or Carriage Service Provider to which a Telephone Number has been or is to be ported (basically the carrier who is going to receive the number)
CCA	Call Collection Area – there is a total of 66 CCA's in Australia
Reversal	The reinstatement of a Customer's service with the Losing Carrier or Carriage Service Provider during the Reversal Period for Telephone Numbers Ported using the Simple/Cat A Process
Emergency Return	The re-establishment of a service, which can be in the form of either the Customer's original service, or if that is not possible an alternative service. Emergency Return only applies to complex Ports and can only be within a certain time frame of the completion of the port
Pre Port Validation (PNV)	A regulatory form to allow the gaining carrier to request service number details from the losing carrier
PAF	Porting Authority Form
SNA	Simple Notification Advice means advice contained within a Porting Notification Order which provides the details required for a Telephone Number to be Ported using the Cat-A (Simple) Process

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Complex Notification Advice means an advice contained within a Porting Notification Order from the Gaining C/CSP to the Losing C/CSP which, provides the initial Porting details for each Telephone Number to be Ported using the Cat-C (Complex) process