

# AUSTRALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

## Public Comment Draft

### DR AS/CA S042.1:2025 Amdt No. 1/2026

## Draft Amendment No. 1/2026 to AS/CA S042.1:2025 Requirements for connection to an air interface of a Telecommunications Network— Part 1: General

### Guidance for public comment

This draft Standard Amendment is addressing a change to the name of the new cell-broadcast national messaging system from *National Messaging System* to *AusAlert*.

All instances of the term are being updated throughout the Standard, including the updating of the ECB Alert Level 1 to *Critical AusAlert* and ECB Alert Level 2 to *Priority AusAlert*.

The two-month public comment phase is a part of the requirements of the ATA Operating Procedures for the development or revision of an AS/CA Standard.

The reader is invited to comment on the requirements for customer equipment scoped within this Standard and on the following proposed recommendations. All submissions received will be made publicly available on the ATA website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

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### Background

The requirements for Emergency Cell Broadcast as used in the *National Messaging System* were added to AS/CA S042.1 as a part of the recent revision of that Standard. In December a decision was made by the Government to change *National Messaging System* to *AusAlert*.

*AusAlert* will enable authorities, including States and Territories, to send geographically targeted emergency messages to all compatible mobile devices within a 160-metre accuracy.

The system will not be impacted by telecommunication network congestion, helping communities to understand the risks and make appropriate decisions about their personal safety.

*AusAlert* will be supported by a dedicated [website](#) managed by the *National Emergency Management Agency* (NEMA). This forms part of a wider public awareness campaign that will ensure all Australian people clearly understand how the system works and what to do if they receive an alert.

*AusAlert* is expected to be operational by October 2026, ahead of the 2026-27 high risk weather season.

### **Compliance arrangements**

This Amendment is intended to be enforceable by ACMA under the ACMA *Telecommunications (Labelling Notice for Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Instrument 2025* (TLN) or its replacement. Information on the ACMA TLN is available from the ACMA *Find the right labelling notice* at <https://www.acma.gov.au/find-right-labelling-notice>.

The intention is to publish the amendment in Q2 2026. The Amendment becomes applicable on publication.

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to

**AS/CA S042.1:2025**

**Requirements for connection to an air interface of a  
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**REVISED TEXT**

The 2025 edition of AS/CA S042.1 is amended as follows; the amendment should be inserted in the appropriate place.

SUMMARY: This Amendment applies the *Introduction* and Pages 9, 15, 24, 25, 26, 27, 46 and 47.

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**Page iii Introduction**

Delete ‘the National Messaging System (NMS)’ in the fourth paragraph and replace with ‘AusAlert (formerly known as the National Messaging System (NMS))’

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**Page iii Introduction**

Delete ‘the NMS’ in the fifth paragraph and replace with ‘AusAlert’.

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**Page iii Introduction**

Delete ‘the National Messaging System’ in Item (ii) and replace with ‘AusAlert’.

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**Page 9 Clause 4.1**

Delete ‘National Messaging System’ and replace with ‘National Messaging System (now AusAlert)’.

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**Page 15 Clause 4.2.42**

Delete 'National Messaging System (NMS)' in the clause heading and *replace* with 'AusAlert'. Relocate to new Clause 4.2.8 and renumber following definition clauses accordingly.

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**Page 15 Clause 4.2.43**

Delete 'National Messaging System (NMS) Alerts' in the clause heading and *replace* with 'AusAlert Alerts'. Relocate to new Clause 4.2.9 and renumber following definition clauses accordingly.

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**Page 15 Clause 4.2.43**

Delete 'National Messaging System' in the first sentence and *replace* with 'AusAlert'.

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**Page 15 Clause 4.2.43**

Delete 'NMS Critical Alert' in Item (a) and *replace* with 'Critical AusAlert'.

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**Page 15 Clause 4.2.43**

Delete 'NMS Priority Alert' in Item (b) and *replace* with 'Priority AusAlert'.

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**Page 24 Clause 5.2.3.2**

Delete the two instances of 'NMS' in the Note and *replace* with 'AusAlert' in both instances.

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**Page 25 Clause 5.2.3.5**

Delete 'NMS Critical Alert' in the clause heading and *replace* with 'Critical AusAlert'.

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**Page 25 Clause 5.2.3.5.5**

Delete 'NMS Critical Alert' in the first sentence and *replace* with 'Critical AusAlert'.

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**Page 26 Clause 5.2.3.6**

Delete 'NMS Priority Alert' in the clause heading and *replace* with 'Priority AusAlert'.

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**Page 26 Clause 5.2.3.6.5**

*Delete 'NMS Priority Alert' in the first sentence and replace with 'Priority AusAlert'.*

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**Page 26 Clause 5.2.3.7.1**

*Delete 'NMS' in Note 2 and replace with 'AusAlert'.*

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**Page 26 Clause 5.2.3.8**

*Delete 'the NMS' in the first sentence and replace with 'AusAlert'.*

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**Page 27 Clause 5.2.3.9**

*Delete 'the NMS' in the first sentence and replace with 'AusAlert'.*

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**Page 27 Clause 5.2.3.10**

*Delete 'the NMS' in the first sentence and replace with 'AusAlert'.*

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**Page 46 Appendix C**

*Delete 'NMS' in the clause heading and replace with 'AUSALERT'.*

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**Page 46 Appendix C**

*Delete the two instances of 'the NMS' in the first sentence and replace with 'AusAlert' in both instances.*

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**Page 46 Appendix C**

*Delete the two instances of 'NMS' in the table heading and replace with 'AusAlert' in both instances.*

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**Page 46 Appendix C**

*Delete the two instances of 'NMS Critical Alert' in the table and replace with 'Critical AusAlert' in both instances.*

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**Page 46 Appendix C**

*Delete 'NMS Priority Alert' in the table and replace with 'Priority AusAlert'.*

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**Page 47 Appendix C**

*Delete* the two instances of 'NMS' in the table heading and *replace* with 'AusAlert' in both instances.

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**This Amendment forms part of the Standard on publication.**

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