

South Africa - Sender ID Guide

How to register a branded Sender ID in South Africa, what it costs and how long it takes.

◆ WHY A SENDER ID

A Sender ID is the name recipients see instead of a number - it builds trust and brand recognition. Promotional IDs suit marketing; transactional IDs are for OTPs, bank alerts and service messages and are strongly recommended for critical traffic.

◆ REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Sender ID name up to 11 characters, non-generic, aligned to your product/brand
- ✓ Trademark proof (for a product) or Certificate of Registration (for a company name)
- ✓ A signed authorization letter for eSMS to raise the ID with the network
- ✓ For transactional IDs: a letter confirming the transactional use case where required

Alphanumeric Sender IDs are supported on MTN and Vodacom; on Telkom / Cell C messages fall back to a long number. Setup + maintenance apply.

◆ ONBOARDING - DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- ✓ Signed service order form
- ✓ Organization's Certificate of Incorporation (organizations only)
- ✓ Organization's or individual's Tax Certificate
- ✓ Authorized representative's Passport or National ID
- ✓ Details of the authorized representative / individual

