

# CSUNet Access Policy

## Section 1 - Purpose

(1) This Policy provides the regulations for which Charles Sturt University (hereinafter called the University) permits the use of its network infrastructure (hereinafter called CSUNet) for the delivery of communication services.

(2) For the most part, the Policy is based on the revised policy of AARNet Pty Ltd (herein after called APL) "Policy on Allowed Access to AARNet" of 1 April 1999 and in doing so takes into account the [Telecommunications Act 1997](#) and the exemptions from the Carrier and Carriage Service obligations as granted by the Minister for Communications, the Information Economy and the Arts.

(3) Notwithstanding any information herein, the University must abide by the obligations of the [Copyright Act](#) and Trade Practices Act, particularly where these Acts apply to electronic publishing and provision of information.

## Section 2 - Glossary

(4) Nil.

## Section 3 - Policy

(5) Other than as provided in clause 9 and 10, the University identifies the following as authorised users and thus permits access to CSUNet and to AARNet for or in connection with research, educational or administrative functions of the University.

(6) Access may be provided to:

- a. staff;
- b. students;
- c. associated individuals (e.g. visiting fellows, honorary research associates);
- d. campus based student and staff associations;
- e. entities that are wholly owned by the University;
- f. Tertiary Admissions Centres associated with the University;
- g. participants in Cooperative Research Centres and other collaborative ventures where:
  - i. the principal objective of such a collaborative venture is the advancement of university teaching, administration and/or research; and
  - ii. each participant in a collaborative venture complies with the access policy;
- h. publicly funded not-for-profit research agencies that are jointly undertaking teaching, administration and/or research programs with the University;
- i. conferences, congresses and workshops where there exists an educational, research or professional society association with the University.

(7) Access may also be granted for:

- a. affiliated bodies (e.g. residential colleges);
- b. those sections or departments of the University situated within another organisation (e.g. the teaching and research departments of the University within a hospital; however this access must not extend to providing access to the hospital itself) provided that either the University owns the network units used to convey any information or these network units are leased from a carrier;

### **Access to CSUNet by Non-University Authorised Users**

(8) The University permits non-University authorised users to access its network infrastructure provided that non-University authorised users:

- a. do not use CSUNet for purposes other than for the purposes they are permitted access;
- b. do not provide access to CSUNet to anyone else;
- c. do not undertake commercial activities (other than commercial activities that are related to the teaching, research or administrative functions of the University); and
- d. comply with this and other University policies.

### **Restrictions on Provision of Access to AARNet by the University**

(9) The University must not provide AARNet access to any individual, group or organisation where that access is for purposes that:

- a. are not related to the teaching, research or administrative activities of the University; or
- b. comprise commercial activities (other than those commercial activities that form part of the teaching or research activities of the University).

(10) Specifically, while incidental or casual access to AARNet is acceptable where it relates to dealings with the University, access must not be provided in an ongoing manner to:

- a. vendors and commercial clients of AARNet Members;
- b. organisations based in Technology Parks, unless covered in clause 6, 7 or 8;
- c. government departments and agencies, unless covered in clause 6, 7 or 8;
- d. TAFE and VET institutions, unless these are an integral part of the University;
- e. schools and community organisations; and
- f. members of Alumni associations (except that the University may provide information services (e.g. Web page hosting) to members of Alumni associations and to other external bodies. However, access to these information services by such associations and bodies, and by other parties, must be provided through carriage service providers.

### **Non-compliant Intra-campus Traffic**

(11) Transit of traffic within the University's network infrastructure that does not otherwise comply with this Policy is allowed under the exemption from carrier and carriage service obligations. Such traffic destined for the wider Internet must be channelled to a carriage service provider through a connection within the campus boundary. This concession under the exemption is intended to facilitate the provision of services on campus while ensuring that traffic that does not otherwise conform to this Policy is redirected before leaving the campus.

### **Remote Access**

(12) Staff and students of the University may access the International, National and AARNet Backbone Services remotely only by any one or more of the following:

- a. by remote access facilities owned or operated by or on behalf of the University or a Regional Network Organisation (RNO);
- b. in accordance with an agreement between the University or an RNO, and a third party under which:
  - i. the third party provides staff and/or students with dial-in access to the University's or an RNO's facilities;
  - ii. the staff and/or students may not access the International, National or AARNet Backbone Services directly, but only via servers located at the University's or an RNO's facilities, and only after appropriate authentication has occurred; and
  - iii. traffic from the University or an RNO to the third party terminates within the boundaries of that third party, and traffic from the third party to the University or an RNO originates within the boundaries of that third party.

## **Exclusive use of APL's Supplier's Telecommunications Services**

(13) The telecommunications services ('Services') provided to APL by APL's Internet access and backbone network supplier ('Supplier') must be used by AARNet members for access to AARNet permitted under this Policy. The Services encompass access to the international and national Internet and interconnection of Regional Network Organisation hub sites.

(14) For access allowed under this Policy, services equivalent in functionality to the Supplier's Services must not be acquired from another provider unless the Supplier is unwilling or unable to provide that service on the basis agreed with APL.

(15) The Supplier also offers newsfeed and DNS forwarding services and may offer a multicast service. Services such as newsfeeds and multicast sourced from another provider must not transit the gateway between AARNet and the domestic Internet.

## **Register of Non-members**

(16) The University must maintain a list of non-members to whom it provides CSUNet access. This information must be made available for review by APL on request.

## **Obligations Under the [Telecommunications Act 1997 \(Cth\)](#)**

(17) All CSUNet access that the University provides to authorised users must comply with the carrier and carriage service obligations of the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth) (Act) .

(18) Access that contravenes any provision of the exemptions from carrier and carriage service obligations of the Act granted to Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee (AVCC) member institutions must not:

- a. transit the AARNet backbone network (including the inter-Regional Network Organisation links and the links to national and international Internet gateways); or
- b. transit the infrastructure of CSUNet (unless the University also complies with the carrier, carriage service, and other requirements of the Act).

## **Clarifications**

(19) Because the legislation is largely untested, the interpretation of the determinations is complex, and the application of the principles contained in this Policy is not without difficulty, APL will, from time to time, issue clarification statements to assist the University to give effect to this Policy.



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