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|  | *Use one of the following categories:****F*** *(correction)****A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)****B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)****D*** *(editorial modification)*Detailed explanations of the above categories canbe found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | *Use one of the following releases:Rel-8 (Release 8)Rel-9 (Release 9)Rel-10 (Release 10)Rel-11 (Release 11)…Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)Rel-19 (Release 19) Rel-20 (Release 20)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | 1. In subclause 4.5, for the definition of the acceptable cell, it is specified that the cell is not barred, but the the reference to clause 5.3.1 mentions “exceptions”. This seems to indicate somehow that there are exceptions to considering accepted cell as “not barred”. However, the intention is to not have any such exceptions. i.e. any acceptable cell is “not barred”. So, we need to delete the reference to exceptions in this sentence to avoid any mis-interpretation.
2. In subclause 5.3.1, all the conditions for when the cell is considered as acceptable is captured under the bullet point clarifying that a cell cannot be selected/reselected even for emergency purposes. However, this is misleading. Since the point is to define this as an acceptable cell, the conditions should be moved as a stand-alone set of conditions to clarify when the cell is considered acceptable.
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| ***Summary of change:*** | 1. In subclause 4.5, the reference to “exceptions” is removed.
2. In subclause 5.3.1, all the conditions for when the cell is considered as acceptable are moved as stand-alone bullet points (similar to other such conditions clarifying when the cell is considered barred).

**Impact analysis**Impacted 5G architecture options:NR SAImpacted functionality:Emergency calls for UEs with 1RX/2RX.Inter-operability:1. If the UE is implemented according to the CR and the network is not, there are no interoperability issues because this has no impact to network behaviour.
2. If the network is implemented according to the CR and the UE is not, there are no interoperability issues as the changes only clarify the UE behaviour.
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | For both 1) and 2) there may be potential mis-understanding that the acceptable cell as defined for (e)RedCap/XR UEs may continue to be treated as a barred cell which is not the intended behaviour.  |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 4.5, 5.3.1 |
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## 4.5 Cell Categories

The cells are categorised according to which services they offer:

**acceptable cell:**

An "acceptable cell" is a cell on which the UE may camp to obtain limited service (originate emergency calls and receive ETWS and CMAS notifications). Such a cell shall fulfil the following requirements, which is the minimum set of requirements to initiate an emergency call and to receive ETWS and CMAS notification in an NR network:

- The cell is not barred, see clause 5.3.1;

- The cell selection criteria are fulfilled, see clause 5.2.3.2.

**suitable cell:**

For UE not operating in SNPN Access Mode, a cell is considered as suitable if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The cell is part of either the selected PLMN or the registered PLMN or PLMN of the Equivalent PLMN list, and for that PLMN either:

- The PLMN-ID of that PLMN is broadcast by the cell with no associated CAG-IDs and CAG-only indication in the UE for that PLMN (TS 23.501 [10]) is absent or false;

- Allowed CAG list in the UE for that PLMN (TS 23.501 [10]) includes a CAG-ID broadcast by the cell for that PLMN;

- The cell selection criteria are fulfilled, see clause 5.2.3.2.

According to the latest information provided by NAS:

- The cell is not barred, see clause 5.3.1;

- The cell is part of at least one TA that is not part of the list of "Forbidden Tracking Areas for Roaming" (TS 22.011 [18]), which belongs to a PLMN that fulfils the first bullet above.

For UE operating in SNPN Access Mode, a cell is considered as suitable if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The cell is part of the selected SNPN or the registered SNPN or SNPN of the Equivalent SNPN list of the UE;

- The cell selection criteria are fulfilled, see clause 5.2.3.2;

According to the latest information provided by NAS:

- The cell is not barred, see clause 5.3.1;

- The cell is part of at least one TA that is not part of the list of "Forbidden Tracking Areas for Roaming" which belongs to the selected SNPN or the registered SNPN or SNPN of the Equivalent SNPN list of the UE.

**barred cell:**

A cell is barred if it is so indicated in the system information, as specified in TS 38.331 [3].

**reserved cell:**

A cell is reserved if it is so indicated in system information, as specified in TS 38.331 [3].

Following exception to these definitions are applicable for UEs:

- if a UE has an ongoing emergency call, all acceptable cells of that PLMN/SNPN are treated as suitable for the duration of the emergency call.

- camped on a cell that belongs to a tracking area that is forbidden for regional provision of service; a cell that belongs to a tracking area that is forbidden for regional provision service (TS 23.122 [9], TS 24.501 [14]) is suitable but provides only limited service.

- if the UE in RRC\_IDLE fulfils the conditions to support NR sidelink communication/discovery or V2X sidelink communication in limited service state as specified in TS23.287 [16] clause 5.7, the UE may perform NR sidelink communication/discovery or V2X sidelink communication.

NOTE: UE is not required to support manual search and selection of PLMN or CAG or SNPN while in RRC CONNECTED state. The UE may use local release of RRC connection to perform manual search if it is not possible to perform the search while RRC connected.

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### 5.3.1 Cell status and cell reservations

Cell status and cell reservations are indicated in the *MIB or SIB1* message as specified in TS 38.331 [3] by means of following fields:

- *cellBarred* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *MIB* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is ignored by UEs supporting NTN while *cellBarredNTN* is included in SIB1.

*- cellBarredATG* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to ATG UEs.

*-* *cellBarred2RxXR* (IE type: "barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to 2Rx XR UEs.

- *cellBarred-eRedCap1Rx* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to eRedCap UEs.

- *cellBarred-eRedCap2Rx* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to eRedCap UEs.

- *cellBarredFixedVSAT* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs. This field is only applicable to VSAT UEs using NTN access.

- *cellBarredMobileVSAT* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs. This field is only applicable to VSAT UEs using NTN access.

- *cellBarredNES* (IE type: "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to UEs indicating any of the values in *nes-CellDTX-DRX* as specified in TS 38.306 [24].

- *cellBarredNTN* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs. This field is ignored if the UE does not support NTN access.

- *cellBarredRedCap1Rx* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to RedCap UEs.

- *cellBarredRedCap2Rx* (IE type: "barred" or "not barred")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to RedCap UEs.

- *cellReservedForOperatorUse* (IE type: "reserved" or "not reserved")
Indicated in *SIB1* message*.* In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is specified per PLMN or per SNPN.

- *cellReservedForOtherUse* (IE type: "true")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs.

*- cellReservedForFutureUse* (IE type: "true")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs.

NOTE 0: IAB-MT ignores the *cellBarred*, *cellReservedForOperatorUse, cellReservedForFutureUse,* and *intraFreqReselection* (i.e. treats *intraFreqReselection* as if it was set to *allowed*) as defined in TS 38.331 [3]. IAB-MT also ignores *cellReservedForOtherUse* for cell barring determination (i.e. NPN capable IAB-MT considers *cellReservedForOtherUse* for determination of an NPN-only cell) as defined in TS 38.331 [3].

NOTE 0a: NCR-MT ignores the *cellBarred*, *cellReservedForOperatorUse, cellReservedForFutureUse,* and *intraFreqReselection* (i.e. treats *intraFreqReselection* as if it was set to *allowed*) as defined in TS 38.331 [3]. NCR-MT also ignores *cellReservedForOtherUse* for cell barring determination (i.e. NPN capable NCR-MT considers *cellReservedForOtherUse* for determination of an NPN-only cell) as defined in TS 38.331 [3].

- *halfDuplexRedCapAllowed* (IE type: "true")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs. This field is only applicable to (e)RedCap UEs.

- *iab-Support* (IE type: "true")
Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is specified per PLMN or per SNPN.

- *ncr-Support* (IE type: "true")

Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is common for all PLMNs and NPNs.

- *mobileIAB-Support* (IE type: "true")

Indicated in *SIB1* message. In case of multiple PLMNs or NPNs indicated in *SIB1*, this field is specified per PLMN or per SNPN.

When cell status is indicated as "not barred" and "not reserved" for operator use and not "true" for other use and not "true" for future use,

- UEs shall treat this cell as candidate during the cell selection and cell reselection procedures.

When cell broadcasts any CAG-IDs or NIDs and the cell status is indicated as "not barred" and "not reserved" for operator use and "true" for other use, and not "true" for future use:

- All NPN-capable UEs shall treat this cell as candidate during the cell selection and cell reselection procedures, other UEs shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When cell status is indicated as "true" for other use, and either cell does not broadcast any CAG-IDs or NIDs or does not broadcast any CAG-IDs and the UE is not operating in SNPN Access Mode,

- The UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When cell status is indicated as "true" for future use,

- The UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarredNES* is absent and *cellBarred* is set to"barred",

- The UE indicating any of the values in *nes-CellDTX-DRX* shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarredNTN* is not broadcast in this cell,

- For NTN access, the UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *halfDuplexRedCapAllowed* is not broadcast in this cell,

- The (e)RedCap UE only capable of operating in half-duplex for FDD shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarredATG* is not broadcast in this cell,

- For ATG access, the UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarredFixedVSAT* is not broadcast in this cell,

- For NTN access, the fixed VSAT UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarredMobileVSAT* is not broadcast in this cell,

- For NTN access, the mobile VSAT UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarred2RxXR* is broadcast in this cell,

- The 2Rx XR UE shall treat this cell as if cell status is "barred".

When *cellBarredRedCap1Rx* is set to "barred" in SIB1, if cell selection criteria are fulfilled as defined in clause 5.2.3, *cellBarred* in MIB is not set to "barred" and in SIB1, *barringExemptEmergencyCall* is present and, if the RedCap UE supports only half duplex FDD operation, *halfDuplexRedCapAllowed* is set to "true",

* The RedCap UE that supports only 1Rx branch may treat this cell as an acceptable cell and not treat this cell as if the cell status is “barred”.

When *cellBarredRedCap2Rx* is set to "barred" in SIB1, if cell selection criteria are fulfilled as defined in clause 5.2.3, *cellBarred* in MIB is not set to "barred" and in SIB1, *barringExemptEmergencyCall* is present and, if the RedCap UE supports only half duplex FDD operation, *halfDuplexRedCapAllowed* is set to "true",

* a RedCap UE that supports 2Rx branches may treat this cell as an acceptable cell and not treat this cell as if the cell status is “barred”.

When *cellBarred-eRedCap1Rx* is set to "barred" in SIB1, if cell selection criteria are fulfilled as defined in clause 5.2.3, *cellBarred* in MIB is not set to "barred" and in SIB1, *barringExemptEmergencyCall* is present and, if the eRedCap UE supports only half duplex FDD operation, *halfDuplexRedCapAllowed* is set to "true",

* an eRedCap UE that supports only 1Rx branch may treat this cell as an acceptable cell and not treat this cell as if the cell status is “barred”.

When *cellBarred-eRedCap2Rx* is set to "barred" in SIB1, if cell selection criteria are fulfilled as defined in clause 5.2.3, *cellBarred* in MIB is not set to "barred" and in SIB1, *barringExemptEmergencyCall* is present and, if the eRedCap UE supports only half duplex FDD operation, *halfDuplexRedCapAllowed* is set to "true",

* an eRedCap UE that supports 2Rx branches may treat this cell as an acceptable cell and not treat this cell as if the cell status is “barred”.

When *cellBarred2RxXR* is present in SIB1, if the cell selection criteria are fulfilled as defined in clause 5.2.3, *cellBarred* in MIB is not set to "barred" and in SIB1, *barringExemptEmergencyCall* is present,

* a 2Rx XR UE may treat this cell as an acceptable cell and not treat this cell as if the cell status is “barred”..

When cell status is indicated as "not barred" and "reserved" for operator use for any PLMN/SNPN and not "true" for other use and not "true" for future use,

- UEs assigned to Access Identity 11 or 15 operating in their HPLMN/EHPLMN shall treat this cell as candidate during the cell selection and reselection procedures if the field *cellReservedForOperatorUse* for that PLMN set to "reserved".

- UEs assigned to Access Identity 11 or 15 shall treat this cell as candidate during the cell selection and reselection procedures if the field *cellReservedForOperatorUse* for selected/registered SNPN is set to "reserved".

- UEs assigned to an Access Identity 0, 1, 2 and 12 to 14 shall behave as if the cell status is "barred" in case the cell is "reserved for operator use" for the registered PLMN/SNPN or the selected PLMN/SNPN.

- UEs assigned to Access Identity 3 shall behave as if the cell status is "barred" in case the cell is "reserved for operator use" for the registered PLMN or the selected PLMN.

NOTE 1: Access Identities 11, 15 are only valid for use in the HPLMN/ EHPLMN and registered/selected SNPN; Access Identities 12, 13, 14 are only valid for use in the home country and registered/selected SNPN as specified in TS 22.261 [12].

NOTE 1a: Access Identity 3 is only valid for PLMNs that indicate to potential Disaster Inbound Roamers that the UEs can access the PLMN as specified in TS 22.261 [12].

When cell status "barred" is indicated or to be treated as if the cell status is "barred",

- The UE is not permitted to select/reselect this cell, not even for emergency calls

- The UE shall select another cell according to the following rule:

- If the cell is to be treated as if the cell status is "barred" due to being unable to acquire the *MIB*:

- the UE may exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for up to 300 seconds.

- the UE may select another cell on the same frequency if the selection criteria are fulfilled.

- else:

- If the UE is a RedCap UE, the UE shall acquire SIB1 and, in the remainder of this procedure, consider '*intraFreqReselection* in MIB' to be '*intraFreqReselectionRedCap* in SIB1', if available;

- If the UE is an eRedCap UE, the UE shall acquire SIB1 and, in the remainder of this procedure, consider '*intraFreqReselection* in MIB' to be '*intraFreqReselection-eRedCap* in SIB1', if available;

- If the UE is a 2Rx XR UE, the UE shall acquire SIB1 and, in the remainder of this procedure, consider '*intraFreqReselection* in MIB' to be '*intraFreqReselection2RxXR* in SIB1', if available:

- If the cell is to be treated as if the cell status is "barred" due to being unable to acquire the SIB1:

- the UE may exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for up to 300 seconds.

- the UE may select another cell on the same frequency if the selection criteria are fulfilled.

- If the cell status "barred" is indicated in *MIB* but the UE is unable to acquire the SIB1; or

- If the cell is to be treated as if the cell status is "barred" due to not supporting (e)RedCap UEs:

- the UE shall exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for 300 seconds.

- the UE may select another cell on the same frequency if re-selection criteria are fulfilled.

- If the UE is neither a RedCap UE nor an eRedCap UE nor a 2Rx XR UE, or if the UE is a RedCap UE and *intraFreqReselectionRedCap* in SIB1 is available, or if the UE is an eRedCap UE and *intraFreqReselection-eRedCap* in SIB1 is available, or if the UE is a 2Rx XR UE and *intraFreqReselection2RxXR* in SIB1 is available:

- If the field *intraFreqReselection* in *MIB* message is set to "allowed":

- the UE may select another cell on the same frequency if re-selection criteria are fulfilled;

- If the cell is to be treated as if the cell status is "barred" due to being unable to acquire the *SIB1*:

- the UE may exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for up to 300 seconds;

- else:

- the UE shall exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for 300 seconds.

- If the field *intraFreqReselection* in *MIB* message is set to "not allowed":

- If the cell is to be treated as if the cell status is "barred" due to being unable to acquire the *SIB1*:

- the UE may exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for up to 300 seconds;

- If the cell operates in licensed spectrum:

- the UE shall not re-select to another cell on the same frequency as the barred cell and exclude such cell(s) as candidate(s) for cell selection/reselection for 300 seconds;

- else:

- the UE may select to another cell on the same frequency if the reselection criteria are fulfilled.

- else:

- If the cell operates in licensed spectrum, or if this cell belongs to a PLMN which is indicated as being equivalent to the registered PLMN or the selected PLMN of the UE, or if this cell belongs to an SNPN which is equal to or indicated as being equivalent to the registered SNPN or the selected SNPN of the UE:

- the UE shall not re-select to another cell on the same frequency as the barred cell and exclude such cell(s) as candidate(s) for cell selection/reselection for 300 seconds;

- else:

- the UE may select to another cell on the same frequency if the reselection criteria are fulfilled.

- the UE shall exclude the barred cell as a candidate for cell selection/reselection for 300 seconds.

The cell selection of another cell may also include a change of RAT.

NOTE 2: If barring of a cell is triggered by the condition of *trackingAreaCode* and *trackingAreaList* not being provided, as specified in TS 38.331 [3], the barring only applies to this PLMN and the UE can re-evaluate the barring condition again due to selection of another PLMN.