

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT 658

Your telecoms provider may have started distributing phone numbers with the 658 area code. The OUR is here to clear up all your concerns and confusion about this exciting development in Jamaica. Here are 5 things you need to know about Jamaica's second area code, 658.

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## WHAT IS 658?

658 is Jamaica's second area code, which is the three digits dialed before your seven-digit number.

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## WHY DO WE HAVE ANOTHER AREA CODE?

Telecommunications providers are running out of numbers to assign to customers under the 876 area code. With increasing demand for phone numbers, a new area code was needed to increase the provision of numbers.

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## WILL THE 876 AREA CODE STOP WORKING?

No. The 658 area code was introduced to work in conjunction with the 876 area code. So your 876 phone number will continue to work as normal.

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## DOES THIS MEAN PHONE NUMBERS WILL NO LONGER BE REASSIGNED?

No. Phone numbers are reassigned to efficiently manage numbering resources and prevent the premature exhaustion of area codes. The availability of more numbers is to ensure we can meet the island's increased demands. To prevent your number from being reassigned, make sure you top up regularly and pay your phone bills among other things.

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## HOW WILL 658 AFFECT ME?

The new area code means numbers starting with 876 will now exist under 658 as well. Be sure to save all your contacts with the correct area code to avoid confusion when dialing out. If you are a business owner, if the area code is missing from your promotional items and signage, these will need to be updated.