

Annex A: Examples of when the SIM card offences will apply

Group A: Irresponsible registrants

Example 1

1. A person (Q) responds to a WhatsApp message from a stranger (R). R tells Q to sign up for local SIM cards using Q's particulars and to hand them over to R. Q follows R's instructions, and R pays Q for the value of the SIM cards and an additional \$100. Q may be liable for the offence of handing over local SIM cards registered in his particulars.

Group B: Those receiving, supplying or possessing local SIM cards

Example 2

2. A person (W) is caught in possession of 10 unregistered local SIM cards and another 10 local SIM cards registered in other persons' particulars. As a total of 20 local SIM cards is involved, W is presumed to have the intent to use the SIM cards to commit or facilitate a crime. If W is unable to provide a credible reason as to why he possessed so many cards, W may be liable for the offence of possessing local SIM cards which are unregistered, or registered in another person's particulars.

Example 3

3. A seller (X) advertises the sale of multiple registered SIM cards on an online platform to anyone who is interested. Subsequently, a buyer (Y) contacts X and buys 5 SIM cards registered using other persons' particulars. Both X and Y may respectively be liable for the offence of selling and buying local SIM cards which are registered in another person's particulars.

Group C: Retailers facilitating fraudulent registration of local SIM cards

Example 4

4. A retailer (Z) helps a syndicate register for SIM cards using the particulars of other people, despite knowing that the particulars were used without their owners' authorisation. The syndicate subsequently uses the SIM cards to perpetrate scams in Singapore. Z may be liable for the offence of facilitating fraudulent registration of local SIM cards.