

The Phone Card - It Will Save You Money

The phone card has been a tremendous boon for international travellers but did you know more and more people are discovering their cost effectiveness in making long distance calls within their own country. That's right, the phone card has become a regular part of the communication landscape for many phone users.

For those who haven't used a phone card before there are several steps you should be familiar with but the bottomline is, they are simple to use and will save you plenty in call costs.

Purchasing A Phone Card

There are dozens of different cards available. Once upon a time you had to visit an outlet physically to purchase one but today, the convenience of the internet has allowed purchasers to simply go online and complete the signup process without leaving their homes. Doing a search for phone cards will bring you thousands of results and I have found that you generally don't need to look past the first page. Sticking with high page rank sites will generally guarantee you that the site has been established for a long period of time and that they have been doing business successfully and can be trusted.

Once you have gone through the signup process and make your payment: you'll generally be given a variety of plans at varying costs, your pin is delivered quickly, usually no longer than a minute. Be aware that for security reasons, often manual verification of the credit card details may be performed to protect you against fraudulent credit card practice but don't worry, this can only be to your advantage. This is usually the case if it is your first purchase.

How Much Will You Spend?

As a rule, for first time phone card users I'd suggest start small. You are given a number of options but a \$10 purchase should be sufficient to get you up and running. Depending on the company you sign up with, this amount should get you a minimum of 300 minutes international talk time. Once you have established a relationship with the company, and trust is established, then you should consider "upping the ante." You'll find when you login to re-charge your card, quite often you'll be offered an incentive to go to a higher amount by way of extra talk time for added minimal cost. I often ignore these offers but it is up to you; if you are a regular user then they may be worthwhile accepting.

Your pin number should be memorized and while they are usually made up of up to ten numerals, it's amazing how quickly you'll learn them without referring to them. Online, you are usually safe guarded from either losing or forgetting your number because it is just a simple matter of logging into your account and retrieving it. This is another important consideration with online signups; a quality service should have an area where your pin numbers are stored safely and if they don't you may want to consider joining a service that does.

So, if you have been considering joining the phone card landscape, it's well worth it because of the cheaper calling rates. However, don't rush into any contracts too hastily and do a little due diligence on the provider. Once you have established a good relationship, you'll be wondering why you didn't "cross to the phone card side" sooner.

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