

Prepaid reloads back to old rate, GST on usage, says Shabery Cheek
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The Communications and Multimedia Ministry announced today that the goods and services tax (GST) for mobile prepaid reloads will be imposed based on customers' usage, ending the month-long confusion that started since the implementation of the consumption tax.

Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek said customers who pay RM10 for the prepaid reload will receive RM10 worth of mobile services value.

"GST charges will be based on the usage. The government feels this is more suitable because consumers are not taxed before using the services," he told reporters in Putrajaya today.

He said Putrajaya wants telcos to adhere to the new implementation of GST on mobile prepaid reload within six months.

"To balance the effects of GST implementation, the government has told telcos to reduce their service tariffs. They have also been asked to provide affordable packages for groups like students," he said. – May 13, 2015.

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