**3GPP TSG- Meeting #130 *R2-2504707***

**Malta, MT, 19th – 23rd May 2025**

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| *CR-Form-v12.3* | | | | | | | | |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.331** | **CR** | **5390** | **rev** | **1** | **Current version:** | **15.28.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | (R15)Introduction of late NCE for R15 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | ZTE Corporation, Sanechips, OPPO, Xiaomi, Ericsson, LG, Apple, Huawei, HiSilicon | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_newRAT-Core | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2025-05-20 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-15 |
|  | *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 can be 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:*** | | Introduction of late NCE for R15. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | 1. In clause 6.2.2, add *RRCReconfiguration-v15xy-IEs* in *lateNonCriticalExtension* of *RRCReconfiguration.*  **Impact analysis**  Impacted functionality:  RRC signaling  Impacted 5G architecture options:  NR SA, (NG)EN-DC, NE-DC,NR-DC  Inter-operability:   1. If UE implements this change and network does not, there is no inter-operability issue. 2. If network implements this change and UE does not, there is no inter-operability issue. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | Late NCE can not be used for future release. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 6.2.2 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | |  | **X** | Other core specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***affected:*** | |  | **X** | Test specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***(show related CRs)*** | |  | **X** | O&M Specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
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| ***Other comments:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | | Rev1: Revision of R2-2504904 | | | | | | | | |

Start of the change

### 6.2.2 Message definitions

\*\*\*\*\*Irrelevant text omitted\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### – *RRCReconfiguration*

The *RRCReconfiguration* message is the command to modify an RRC connection. It may convey information for measurement configuration, mobility control, radio resource configuration (including RBs, MAC main configuration and physical channel configuration) and AS security configuration.

Signalling radio bearer: SRB1 or SRB3

RLC-SAP: AM

Logical channel: DCCH

Direction: Network to UE

*RRCReconfiguration message*

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-RRCRECONFIGURATION-START

RRCReconfiguration ::= SEQUENCE {

rrc-TransactionIdentifier RRC-TransactionIdentifier,

criticalExtensions CHOICE {

rrcReconfiguration RRCReconfiguration-IEs,

criticalExtensionsFuture SEQUENCE {}

}

}

RRCReconfiguration-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

radioBearerConfig RadioBearerConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

secondaryCellGroup OCTET STRING (CONTAINING CellGroupConfig) OPTIONAL, -- Need M

measConfig MeasConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING (CONTAINING RRCReconfiguration-v15xy-IEs) OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension RRCReconfiguration-v1530-IEs OPTIONAL

}

-- Late non-critical Rel-15 extensions:

RRCReconfiguration-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

-- Following field is only to be used for late REL-15 extensions

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL

}

RRCReconfiguration-v1530-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

masterCellGroup OCTET STRING (CONTAINING CellGroupConfig) OPTIONAL, -- Need M

fullConfig ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL, -- Cond FullConfig

dedicatedNAS-MessageList SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxDRB)) OF DedicatedNAS-Message OPTIONAL, -- Cond nonHO

masterKeyUpdate MasterKeyUpdate OPTIONAL, -- Cond MasterKeyChange

dedicatedSIB1-Delivery OCTET STRING (CONTAINING SIB1) OPTIONAL, -- Need N

dedicatedSystemInformationDelivery OCTET STRING (CONTAINING SystemInformation) OPTIONAL, -- Need N

otherConfig OtherConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

nonCriticalExtension RRCReconfiguration-v1540-IEs OPTIONAL

}

RRCReconfiguration-v1540-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

otherConfig-v1540 OtherConfig-v1540 OPTIONAL, -- Need M

nonCriticalExtension RRCReconfiguration-v1560-IEs OPTIONAL

}

RRCReconfiguration-v1560-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

mrdc-SecondaryCellGroupConfig SetupRelease { MRDC-SecondaryCellGroupConfig } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

radioBearerConfig2 OCTET STRING (CONTAINING RadioBearerConfig) OPTIONAL, -- Need M

sk-Counter SK-Counter OPTIONAL, -- Need N

nonCriticalExtension SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL

}

MRDC-SecondaryCellGroupConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

mrdc-ReleaseAndAdd ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N

mrdc-SecondaryCellGroup CHOICE {

nr-SCG OCTET STRING (CONTAINING RRCReconfiguration),

eutra-SCG OCTET STRING

}

}

MasterKeyUpdate ::= SEQUENCE {

keySetChangeIndicator BOOLEAN,

nextHopChainingCount NextHopChainingCount,

nas-Container OCTET STRING OPTIONAL, -- Cond securityNASC

...

}

-- TAG-RRCRECONFIGURATION-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

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| *RRCReconfiguration-IEs* field descriptions |
| ***dedicatedNAS-MessageList***  This field is used to transfer UE specific NAS layer information between the network and the UE. The RRC layer is transparent for each PDU in the list. |
| ***dedicatedSIB1-Delivery***  This field is used to transfer *SIB1* to the UE. The field has the same values as the corresponding configuration in *servingCellConfigCommon*. |
| ***dedicatedSystemInformationDelivery***  This field is used to transfer *SIB6*, *SIB7*, *SIB8* to the UE. |
| ***fullConfig***  Indicates that the full configuration option is applicable for the *RRCReconfiguration* message for intra-system intra-RAT HO. For inter-RAT HO from E-UTRA to NR, *fullConfig* indicates whether or not delta signalling of SDAP/PDCP from source RAT is applicable. This field is absent when the *RRCReconfiguration* message is transmitted on SRB3, and in an *RRCReconfiguration* message contained in another *RRCReconfiguration* message (or *RRCConnectionReconfiguration* message, see TS 36.331 [10]) transmitted on SRB1. |
| ***keySetChangeIndicator***  Indicates whether UE shall derive a new KgNB. If *reconfigurationWithSync* is included, value *true* indicates that a KgNB key is derived from a KAMF key taken into use through the latest successful NAS SMC procedure, or N2 handover procedure with KAMF change, as described in TS 33.501 [11] for KgNB re-keying. Value *false* indicates that the new KgNB key is obtained from the current KgNB key or from the NH as described in TS 33.501 [11]. |
| ***masterCellGroup***  Configuration of master cell group. |
| ***mrdc-ReleaseAndAdd***  This field indicates that the current SCG configuration is released and a new SCG is added at the same time. |
| ***mrdc-SecondaryCellGroup***  Includes an RRC message for SCG configuration in NR-DC or NE-DC. For NR-DC (nr-SCG), *mrdc-SecondaryCellGroup* contains the *RRCReconfiguration* message as generated (entirely) by SN gNB. In this version of the specification, the RRC message can only include fields *secondaryCellGroup* and *measConfig*.  For NE-DC (eutra-SCG), *mrdc-SecondaryCellGroup* includes the E-UTRA *RRCConnectionReconfiguration* message as specified in TS 36.331 [10]. In this version of the specification, the E-UTRA RRC message can only include the field *scg-Configuration*. |
| ***nas-Container***  This field is used to transfer UE specific NAS layer information between the network and the UE. The RRC layer is transparent for this field, although it affects activation of AS security after inter-system handover to NR. The content is defined in TS 24.501 [23]. |
| ***nextHopChainingCount***  Parameter NCC: See TS 33.501 [11] |
| ***otherConfig***  Contains configuration related to other configurations. |
| ***radioBearerConfig***  Configuration of Radio Bearers (DRBs, SRBs) including SDAP/PDCP. In (NG)EN-DC, this field may only be present if the *RRCReconfiguration* is transmitted over SRB3. |
| ***radioBearerConfig2***  Configuration of Radio Bearers (DRBs, SRBs) including SDAP/PDCP. This field can only be used if the UE supports NR-DC or NE-DC. |
| ***secondaryCellGroup***  Configuration of secondary cell group ((NG)EN-DC or NR-DC). This field can only be present in an *RRCReconfiguration* message is transmitted on SRB3, and in an *RRCReconfiguration* message contained in another *RRCReconfiguration* message (or *RRCConnectionReconfiguration* message, see TS 36.331 [10]) transmitted on SRB1. |
| ***sk-Counter***  A counter used upon initial configuration of S-KgNB or S-KeNB, as well as upon refresh of S-KgNB or S-KeNB. This field is always included either upon initial configuration of an NR SCG or upon configuration of the first RB with *keyToUse* set to *secondary*, whichever happens first. This field is absent if there is neither any NR SCG nor any RB with *keyToUse* set to *secondary*. |

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| Conditional Presence | Explanation |
| *nonHO* | The field is absent in case of reconfiguration with sync within NR or to NR; otherwise it is optionally present, need N. |
| *securityNASC* | This field is mandatory present in case of inter system handover. Otherwise the field is optionally present, need N. |
| *MasterKeyChange* | This field is mandatory present in case *masterCellGroup* includes *ReconfigurationWithSync* and *RadioBearerConfig* includes *SecurityConfig* with *SecurityAlgorithmConfig*, indicating a change of the AS security algorithms associated to the master key. If *ReconfigurationWithSync* is included for other cases, this field is optionally present, need N. Otherwise the field is absent. |
| *FullConfig* | The field is mandatory present in case of inter-system handover from E-UTRA/EPC to NR. It is optionally present, Need N, during reconfiguration with sync and also in first reconfiguration after reestablishment; or for intra-system handover from E-UTRA/5GC to NR. It is absent otherwise. |