**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #130 *R2-2504774***

**St. Julians, Malta, 19th – 23rd May 2025**

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| *CR-Form-v12.3* | | | | | | | | |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.306** | **CR** | **1307** | **rev** | **1** | **Current version:** | **18.5.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | Introduce UE capability signalling for NTN less than 5MHz | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | ZTE Corporation, Xiaomi, Sanechips | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | RAN2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_IoT\_NTN\_req\_test\_enh | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2025-05-22 |
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| ***Category:*** | **B** |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-19 |
|  | *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:*** | | RAN4 has indicated in the LS R2-2503324/ R4-2504712 that they have agreed to introduce 3MHz channel bandwidth for NR-NTN in FR1-NTN bands as optional feature in Rel-19. And they ask RAN2 to support this since R18 in a release independent manner by reusing below UE capabilities for FR1 NTN bands:   * *support3MHz-ChannelBW-Symmetric-r18* and *support3MHz-ChannelBW-Asymmetric-r18*   Furthermore, the field description of *channelBWs-DL* and *channelBWs-UL* also need to be updated to allow indication of support of 3MHz for FR1 NTN bands based on above UE capabilities. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | 1. Update the description of *support3MHz-ChannelBW-Symmetric-r18* and *support3MHz-ChannelBW-Asymmetric-r18* to also refer to 38.101-5 for FR1 NTN.  2. Update *channelBWs-DL* and *channelBWs-UL* to allow indication of support of 3MHz for FR1 NTN bands.  **Implementation of this CR from Rel-18 will not cause interoperability issues.** | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | NR NTN UE will not support less than 5MHz channel bandwidth for FR1-NTN bands. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 4.2.7.2 | | | | | | | | |
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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:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

Start of Change

#### 4.2.7.2 *BandNR parameters*

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| ***channelBWs-DL***  Indicates for each subcarrier spacing the UE supported channel bandwidths. Absence of the *channelBWs-DL* (without suffix) for a band or absence of specific scs-XXkHz entry for a supported subcarrier spacing means that the UE supports the channel bandwidths among [5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100] and [50, 100, 200] that were defined in clause 5.3.5 of TS 38.101-1 version 15.7.0 [2] and TS 38.101-2 version 15.7.0 [3] for the given band or the specific SCS entry. For IAB-MT, to determine whether the IAB-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 100 MHz, the network checks c*hannelBW-DL-IAB-r16*. For NCR-MT, to determine whether the NCR-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 100 MHz, the network checks c*hannelBW-DL-NCR-r18*.  For FR1, the bits in *channelBWs-DL* (without suffix) starting from the leading / leftmost bit indicate 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 80MHz. For FR2, the bits in *channelBWs-DL* (without suffix) starting from the leading / leftmost bit indicate 50, 100 and 200MHz. The third / rightmost bit (for 200MHz) shall be set to 1. For IAB-MT and NCR-MT, the third / rightmost bit (for 200MHz) is ignored. To determine whether the IAB-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 200 MHz, the network checks *channelBW-DL-IAB-r16*. To determine whether the NCR-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 200 MHz, the network checks c*hannelBW-DL-NCR-r18*.  For FR1, the leading/leftmost bit in *channelBWs-DL-v1590* indicates 70MHz, the second leftmost bit indicates 45MHz, the third leftmost bit indicates 35MHz, the fourth leftmost bit indicates 100MHz and all the remaining bits in *channelBWs-DL-v1590* shall be set to 0. The fourth leftmost bit (for 100MHz) is not applicable for bands n41, n48, n77, n78, n79 and n90 as defined in TS 38.101-1 [2]. For each band, (e)RedCap UEs shall indicate supporting the maximum of those channel bandwidths that are less than or equal to 20 MHz for FR1 and less than or equal to 100 Mhz for FR2, taking restrictions in TS 38.101-1 [2] and TS 38.101-2 [3] into consideration. For each band, NTN capable UEs shall indicate the supported channel bandwidths for FR1, taking restrictions in TS 38.101-5 [34] into consideration.  This feature is applicable only for FR1 and FR2-1 band, otherwise it is absent.  NOTE: To determine whether the UE supports a specific SCS for a given band, the network validates the *supportedSubCarrierSpacingDL* and the *scs-60kHz*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 90 MHz for the band combination with other bandwidth combination set than BCS5, the network may ignore this capability and validate instead the *channelBW-90mhz*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 90 MHz for the band combination with BCS5, the network may ignore this capability and validate instead the *channelBW-90mhz*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, *supportedAggBW-FR1-r17*, and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 400 MHz, the network may ignore this capability and validate the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, the *supportedBandwidthDL*, and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 3MHz, the network may ignore this capability and validate instead the *support3MHz-ChannelBW-Symmetric-r18,* the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* (for a band supporting asymmetric channel bandwidth as defined in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2] for TN or in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-5 [34] for NTN), the *supportedBandwidthDL-v1840* and the *supportedMinBandwidthDL-v1840.* For serving cell(s) with other channel bandwidths:  - If *supportedAggBW-FR1-r17* is reported, the network validates the *channelBWs-DL*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, the *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* (for a band supporting asymmetric channel bandwidth as defined in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2]), *supportedBandwidthDL-v1780*, *supportedMinBandwidthDL-r17*, *supportedAggBW-FR1-r17*, and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790.*  - Otherwise, the network validates the *channelBWs-DL*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, the *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* (for a band supporting asymmetric channel bandwidth as defined in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2]), *supportedBandwidthDL/supportedBandwidthDL-v1710,* *supportedMinBandwidthDL-r17*, *supportedAggBW-FR2-r17*, and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790.* | Band | Yes | N/A | N/A |

Next Change

| ***channelBWs-UL***  Indicates for each subcarrier spacing the UE supported channel bandwidths.  Absence of the *channelBWs-UL* (without suffix) for a band or absence of specific scs-XXkHz entry for a supported subcarrier spacing means that the UE supports the channel bandwidths among [5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100] and [50, 100, 200] that were defined in clause 5.3.5 of TS 38.101-1 version 15.7.0 [2] and TS 38.101-2 version 15.7.0 [3] for the given band or the specific SCS entry. For IAB-MT, to determine whether the IAB-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 100 MHz, the network checks *channelBW-UL-IAB-r16*. For NCR-MT, to determine whether the NCR-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 100 MHz, the network checks *channelBW-UL-NCR-r18*.  For FR1, the bits in *channelBWs-UL* (without suffix) starting from the leading / leftmost bit indicate 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 80MHz. For FR2, the bits in *channelBWs-UL* (without suffix) starting from the leading / leftmost bit indicate 50, 100 and 200MHz. The third / rightmost bit (for 200MHz) shall be set to 1. For IAB-MT and NCR-MT, the third / rightmost bit (for 200MHz) is ignored. To determine whether the IAB-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 200 MHz, the network checks *channelBW-UL-IAB-r16*. To determine whether the NCR-MT supports a channel bandwidth of 200 MHz, the network checks *channelBW-UL-NCR-r18*.  For FR1, the leading/leftmost bit in *channelBWs-UL-v1590* indicates 70 MHz, the second leftmost bit indicates 45MHz, the third leftmost bit indicates 35MHz, the fourth leftmost bit indicates 100MHz and all the remaining bits in *channelBWs-UL-v1590* shall be set to 0. The fourth leftmost bit (for 100MHz) is not applicable for bands n41, n48, n77, n78, n79 and n90 as defined in TS 38.101-1 [2]. For each band, (e)RedCap UEs shall indicate supporting the maximum of those channel bandwidths that are less than or equal to 20 MHz for FR1 and less than or equal to 100 Mhz for FR2, taking restrictions in TS 38.101-1 [2] and TS 38.101-2 [3] into consideration. For each band, NTN capable UEs shall indicate the supported channel bandwidths for FR1, taking restrictions in TS 38.101-5 [34] into consideration.  This feature is applicable only for FR1 and FR2-1 band, otherwise it is absent.  NOTE 1: To determine whether the UE supports a specific SCS for a given band, the network validates the *supportedSubCarrierSpacingUL* and the *scs-60kHz*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 90 MHz for the band combination with other bandwidth combination set than BCS5, the network may ignore this capability and validate instead the *channelBW-90mhz*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC,* and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 90 MHz for the band combination with BCS5, the network may ignore this capability and validate instead the *channelBW-90mhz*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, *supportedAggBW-FR1-r17,* and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 400 MHz, the network may ignore this capability and validate the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, the *supportedBandwidthUL,* and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790*. To determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth of 3MHz, the network may ignore this capability and validate instead the *support3MHz-ChannelBW-Symmetric-r18, support3MHz-ChannelBW-Asymmetric-r18,* the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet,* the *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* (for a band supporting asymmetric channel bandwidth as defined in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2] for TN or in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-5 [34] for NTN), the *supportedBandwidthUL-v1840* and the *supportedMinBandwidthUL-v1840*. For serving cell(s) with other channel bandwidths:  - If *supportedAggBW-FR1-r17* is reported, the network validates the *channelBWs-UL*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, the *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* (for a band supporting asymmetric channel bandwidth as defined in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2]), *supportedBandwidthUL-v1780*, *supportedMinBandwidthUL-r17*, *supportedAggBW-FR1-r17,* and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790.*  - Otherwise, the network validates the *channelBWs-UL*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSet*, the *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC*, the *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* (for a band supporting asymmetric channel bandwidth as defined in clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2]), *supportedBandwidthUL/supportedBandwidthUL-v1710, supportedMinBandwidthUL-r17*, *supportedAggBW-FR2-r17,* and *supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC-v1790.*  NOTE 2: For SRS carrier switching to a PUSCH-less cell, to determine whether the UE supports a channel bandwidth 90MHz/400MHz for SRS configuration, the network validates the supported DL bandwidth, e.g. if the 90MHz is supported by the downlink, the network can configure SRS with 90MHz on the PUSCH-less carrier. SRS carrier switching on PUSCH-less SCells is not supported when channel bandwidth configured for DL is not supported in UL according to *channelBWs-UL*. | Band | Yes | N/A | N/A |
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Next Change

| ***support3MHz-ChannelBW-Asymmetric-r18***  Indicates whether the UE supports 3 MHz channel bandwidth in uplink with larger than 3 MHz channel BW in DL, including short RACH preamble formats with 15kHz SCS, and long PRACH formats with 1.25kHz SCS.  This feature is supported for 15kHz SCS only. It applies to bands where the UE indicates support for *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* with 3 MHz UL according to clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-1 [2] for TN or clause 5.3.6 of TS 38.101-5 [34] for NTN. For NTN bands, a UE supporting this feature shall also indicate the support of *nonTerrestrialNetwork-r17*.  This feature is not applicable to UEs indicating *supportOfRedCap-r17* or *supportOfERedCap-r18*.  NOTE 1: The UE supporting this feature supports configuration of 15 PRB UL BWP operation.  NOTE 2: If the UE indicates support in *asymmetricBandwidthCombinationSet* for a 3MHz UL in a band according to clause 5.3.6 of 38.101-1 [2] for TN or clause 5.3.6 of 38.101-5 [34] for NTN, this feature shall be indicated for the band. | Band | No | FDD only | FR1 only |
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| ***support3MHz-ChannelBW-Symmetric-r18***  Indicates whether the UE supports 3 MHz symmetric channel bandwidth in DL and UL, including the following functional components:  *-* Reception of 12 PRB PBCH based on RB-level puncturing;  *-* Short RACH preamble formats with 15kHz SCS, and long PRACH formats with 1.25kHz SCS;  *-* Reception of 15 PRB CORESET0.  This feature is supported for 15kHz SCS only. It is applicable when an associated SS/PBCH block is located according to Table 5.4.3.3-2 in TS 38.101-1 [2] for TN or Table 5.4.3.3-1a of TS 38.101-5 [34] for NTN. For NTN bands, a UE supporting this feature shall also indicate the support of *nonTerrestrialNetwork-r17*.  This feature is not applicable to UEs indicating *supportOfRedCap-r17* or *supportOfERedCap-r18*.  NOTE: The UE supporting this capability supports configuration of 15 PRB BWP operation in DL and UL. | Band | No | FDD only | FR1 only |

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