Required 10-digit dialing began this morning, Monday, April 27, 2020, for all 803 and 893 area code numbers.

Starting this morning you must dial the full 10-digit number when calling any numbers in the 803 or 893 area codes. For example, to reach the USC Aiken campus from the local area you would now dial 8036486581, instead of just 6486581.

When using 10-digit dialing, you do not dial a 1 before the number if the number is not a long distance call. The only difference to dialing is that the 803 or 893 portion of the number must now always be included when dialing.

- No change was made to whether 803 and 893 area code numbers are a long distance or local call.
- Charges for calls to 803 and 893 area code numbers remain the same as they were before the change.
- If a number was long distance before the change, it remains so after the change, and you should continue to add the 1 before the number when dialing.
- If a number was a local call before the change, it remains so after the change, but you must now also dial the 803 or 893 portion of the number when dialing.

Calls from Campus:

- When calling a local 803 or 893 number from campus, you would now dial 9 and then the full 10-digit number for local numbers. (For example: 98031234567)
- When calling a long distance 803 or 893 number from campus, dialing would remain the same as it was before the change. You would dial 91 and then the 10-digit number. (For example: 918031234567)

For more information, please see the SC Public Service Commission’s page: [https://psc.sc.gov/news/2020-03/10-digit-dialing-goes-live-april](https://psc.sc.gov/news/2020-03/10-digit-dialing-goes-live-april)