

5G non-standalone access

Signaling flow for 5G access via LTE-5G NR dual connectivity (EN-DC)



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Transition to 5G is being accelerated by enabling support for 5G bearers in the existing 4G-LTE infrastructure.

5G mobile broadband services will be available to users in a primarily 4G network via mobile terminals that support dual connectivity to 4G LTE and 5G NR base stations at the same time.

To enable dual connectivity, the 4G infrastructure will support connecting to a 5G NR base station (gNodeB). The

UE Capability Enquiry	MN-eNB → UE
UE Capability Information	
↳ UE-MRDC-Capability	UE → MN-eNB
↳ SupportedBandListNR-r15	
UE Capability Info Indication	MN-eNB → MME
AS Security Mode Command	MN-eNB → UE
AS Security Mode Complete	UE → MN-eNB
RRC Connection Reconfiguration	
↳ Attach Accept	
↳ Activate Default EPS Bearer Context Request	MN-eNB → UE
↳ MeasConfig	
↳ MeasObjectToAddModList	
↳ MeasObjectNR-r15	
RRC Connection Reconfiguration Complete	UE → MN-eNB
Attach Complete	
↳ Activate Default EPS Bearer Accept	UE → MME
Measurement Report	UE → MN-eNB
↳ MeasResults	
SgNB Addition Request	MN-eNB → SN-gNB
SgNB Addition Request Acknowledge	SN-gNB → MN-eNB
↳ CG-Config	
RRC Connection Reconfiguration for 5G-NR Bearer	
↳ CG-Config	MN-eNB → UE
RRC Connection Reconfiguration Complete for 5G-NR Bearer	
↳ NR RRCReconfigurationComplete	UE → MN-eNB
SgNB Reconfiguration Complete	
↳ NR RRCReconfigurationComplete	MN-eNB → SN-gNB

SgNB Addition Request

MN-eNB → SN-gNB

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IE/Group Name	Presence
Message Type	M
MeNB UE X2AP ID	M
NR UE Security Capabilities	M
SgNB Security Key	M
SgNB UE Aggregate Maximum Bit Rate	M
Selected PLMN	O
Handover Restriction List	O
E-RABs To Be Added List	
E-RABs To Be Added Item [E-RAB ID]	
IE/Group Name	Presence
E-RAB ID	M
DRB ID	M
EN-DC Resource Configuration	M
CHOICE Resource Configuration	M
PDCP present in SN	
IE/Group Name	Presence
Full E-RAB Level QoS Parameters	M
Maximum MCG admissible E-RAB Level QoS Parameters	C-ifCGandSCGpresent_GBR

Non-standalone EN-DC signaling details

5G Non-Standalone Videos

Now that we have covered the 5G Non-Standalone session setup flow. Let's review what we have learned in the following videos.

5G Non Standalone Access Architecture - Mpirical



Overview of the Non-Standalone Access (NSA) Architecture

Demystifying 5G - How does 5G NR devices identify the ne...



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