

Defense Switched Network (DSN)

Proficiency Code: A

Defense Switched Network (DSN) is an inter-base, non-secure or secure C2 telecommunications system that provides end-to-end command use and dedicated telephone service, voice-band data, and dial-up VTC for C2 and non-C2 DoD authorized users in accordance with national security directives. Non-secure dial-up voice (telephone) service is the system's principal requirement. The DSN mission is to provide long-haul, rapid, low-cost voice, data, television, and secure-voice communications to users for routine and command and control purposes. It also provides worldwide voice communications services for the DoD and other authorized users.

The DSN system is used only for official business or in the interest of the government and is the first choice for all switched voice and dialup video telecommunications between DoD user locations.

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