

## **SAVING MONEY WHILST USING OFFICIAL MOBILE PHONES**

1. Calls on issued Vodafone mobile phones are quite expensive when civilian dial codes are used. There is a facility within the Vodafone network in Germany, called the Virtual Private Network (VPN), which links to the military phone system in BFG and UK as well as to other issued Vodafone mobile phones. Using the VPN saves 75% - 92% compared to numbers dialled using civilian codes; this is taxpayer's money; your money!

2. There are 2 numbers issued with your official mobile phone; the civilian mobile phone number, and a 6 figure VPN number. The VPN number for your mobile phone is your site's 2 digit BFG dial code followed by, in most instances, your office telephone number. e.g. 72 4321.

3. From a military phone you can check to see if you have a VPN number. Dial 87 followed by your shortened BFG area code and your office extension number. If your mobile does not ring, you need to apply for a VPN number. In the first instance contact your Garrison Authorised Telecommunications Officer (ATO) on the number shown below.

Rhine:            72 4885            Gütersloh:    73 3577  
Hohne:           77 2144            Osnabruck:   66 2043  
Paderborn:      79 2005

4. The table below can be used as a quick dialling guide.

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>BFG Mil extn</b>	<b>UK Mil extn</b>	<b>Mil mobile</b>
<b>BFG Mil extn</b>		SC xxxx	FC xxxx	87 SC xxxx
<b>UK Mil extn</b>		FC xxxx	FC xxxx	948 87 SC xxxx
<b>Mil mobile</b>		87 SC xxxx	87 FC xxxx	SC xxxx

FC: Full Area Code (e.g. JHQ=9 4872)  
SC: Shortened Area Code (e.g. JHQ=72)  
87: VPN Access Code  
xxxx: Extension number

5. A wallet sized version of this guide can be obtained from your local ATO.