

Controlling mobile data usage on 'Windows' enabled devices

There are various measures you can take to avoid unnecessary data consumption.

TIP: Turn off mobile data when not in use



- Open the 'Settings' application  from the 'Applications' menu.
- Click on 'Cellular+SIM'.
- Select 'Data connection' to turn cellular data to 'Off'.

TIP: Switch to a Wi-Fi connection whenever this is available



- Open the 'Settings' application  from the 'Applications' menu.
- Click on 'Wi-Fi'.
- Turn on 'Wi-Fi networking' .

TIP: Set your Apps to update automatically whilst connected to Wi-Fi

Automatic updates of your applications are often carried out in the background and may consume a considerable amount from your data package. To avoid this, make sure that you update Apps using Wi-Fi by following these simple steps.

- Select 'Store' from the applications list.
- Select 'More'  and then go to 'Settings'.
- Under 'App updates', select 'Only get updates over Wi-Fi' .

TIP: Restrict background data

Some Apps may continue running in the background, even if they are not in use, and consequently will consume a considerable amount from your data package. In this case, you might want to restrict that particular App from using your mobile data.

- Select **'Data Sense'**  from the Applications list.
- Select **'Settings'** .
- Turn on **'Restrict background data'** . You will then have two options, either **'When I'm near my limit'** or **'Always'**.

TIP: Monitor your mobile data consumption

Monitor your data usage by using the in-built application on your mobile. Alternatively you can download other applications to track data usage.



- Select **'Data Sense'**  from the applications list to see how your data is being consumed.

TIP: Set mobile data consumption limits

Windows' in-built application also has the facility to set data limits. This function is particularly helpful if you have free data allocated within your tariff plan.

- In the same **'Data Sense'**  settings, select **'Set Limit'**.
- Under **'Limit Type'**, select one of the following:
 - If you have a **preset amount of data** to use and the data will expire at a specific date, select **'One time'**.
 - If you have a **limited amount of data** you can use each month before you're charged extra, select **'Monthly'**.
 - If you have **unlimited data** but still want to track your usage, select **'Unlimited'**.
- If you choose 'One Time' or 'Monthly', select the available lists to enter values and dates that match your data plan.
- Select **'Done'** 

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