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1 Scope

The present document provides the stage 3 specification of the Session Management Policy Control Service of 5G system. The stage 2 definition and related procedures of the Session Management Policy Control Service are contained in 3GPP TS 23.502 [3] and 3GPP TS 23.503 [6]. The 5G System Architecture is defined in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2].

Stage 3 call flows are provided in 3GPP TS 29.513 [7].

The Technical Realization of the Service Based Architecture and the Principles and Guidelines for Services Definition of the 5G System are specified in 3GPP TS 29.500 [4] and 3GPP TS 29.501 [5].

The Policy Control Function with session related policies provides the Session Management Policy Control Service to the NF consumers (i.e. Session Management Function).

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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2], subclause 3.1 apply:

5G QoS Identifier

PCC rule

PDU Session

Service Data Flow

Service Data Flow Filter**Service Data Flow Template**

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

AF	Application Function
AMF	Access and Mobility Management Function
API	Application Programming Interface
CHF	Charging Function
DNN	Data Network Name
ePDG	evolved Packet Data Gateway
GFBR	Guaranteed Flow Bit Rate
GUAMI	Globally Unique AMF Identifier
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
NEF	Network Exposure Function
NF	Network Function
NRF	Network Repository Function
PCC	Policy and Charging Control
PCF	Policy Control Function
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Point
QoS	Quality of Service
SDF	Service Data Flow
SMF	Session Management Function
S-NSSAI	Single Network Slice Selection Assistance Information
UDM	Unified Data Management
UDR	Unified Data Repository
UE	User Equipment

4 Npcf_SMPolicyControl Service

4.1 Service Description

4.1.1 Overview

The Session Management Policy Control Service performs provisioning, update and removal of session related policies and PCC rules by the Policy Control Function (PCF) to the NF service consumer (i.e. SMF). The Session Management Policy Control Service can be used for charging control, policy control and/or application detection and control. Session Management Policy Control Service applies to the cases where the SMF interacts with the PCF in the non-roaming scenario, the V-SMF interacts with the V-PCF in the local breakout roaming scenario and the H-SMF interacts with the H-PCF in the home-routed scenario.

4.1.2 Service Architecture

The Session Management Policy Control Service is provided by the PCF to the consumer and shown in the SBI representation model in figure 4.1.2-1 and in the reference point representation model in figure 4.1.2-2. The overall Policy and Charging Control related 5G architecture is depicted in 3GPP TS 29.513 [7].

The only known NF Service Consumer is the SMF.

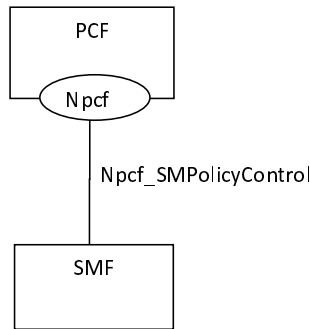


Figure 4.1.2-1: Reference Architecture for the Npcf_SMPolicyControl Service; SBI representation



Figure 4.1.2-2: Reference Architecture for the Npcf_SMPolicyControl Service; reference point representation

NOTE: The SMF represents the V-SMF and the PCF represents the V-PCF in the local breakout scenario. The SMF represents the H-SMF and the PCF represents the H-PCF in the home routed scenario.

4.1.3 Network Functions

4.1.3.1 Policy Control Function (PCF)

The PCF is responsible for policy control decisions and flow based charging control functionalities. The PCF provides the following:

- policies for application and service data flow detection, gating, QoS, flow based charging, traffic steering control, usage monitoring control, access network information report and RAN support information to the SMF.

The policy decisions made by the PCF may be based on one or more of the following:

- Information obtained from the AF, e.g. the session, media and subscriber related information;
- Information obtained from the UDR;
- Information obtained from the AMF, e.g. UE related and access related information;
- Information obtained from the SMF;
- Information obtained from the NWDAF;
- Information obtained from the NEF;
- information from CHF; and
- PCF pre-configured policy context.

4.1.3.2 NF Service Consumers

The SMF is responsible for the enforcement of session management related policy decisions from the PCF, related to service flow detection, QoS, charging, gating, traffic usage reporting and traffic steering.