



# Failure and Error Handling Support

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## Feature Summary and Revision History

### Summary Data

*Table 1: Summary Data*

Applicable Product(s) or Functional Area	AMF
Applicable Platform(s)	SMI
Feature Default Setting	Enabled – Always-on
Related Documentation	Not Applicable

### Revision History

*Table 2: Revision History*

Revision Details	Release
Supported the following failure handling message types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UdmSdmGetUeAmSubscriptionData</li><li>• AmfCommReleaseUeContext</li></ul>	2023.03.0
Introduced local cause code support for the ims-vops-failure condition.	2022.02.0

Revision Details	Release
First introduced.	2022.01.0

## Feature Description

AMF supports the error handling for the following interfaces:

- SBI—AMF interaction across various 5G NF's
- REST-EP—AMF interaction to NGAP, and NAS (towards UE)

AMF validates the syntax and semantic errors for each attribute during SBI message validation. It evaluates the mandatory, conditional, and optional attributes in the following:

- NGAP content
- NAS content
- Each SBI interface message




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**Note** You can define the local cause code-mapping values for Mobility-Management, while rejecting the NAS messages under failure scenarios.

Validation of the NGAP and NAS optional IEs aren't supported.

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## How it Works

This section describes how this feature works.

### Error Handling on SBI Interface

AMF supports the failure handling for SBI interfaces to continue or to terminate the call. This failure handling is supported as per the actions defined under each service, message-type, and status code.

NRF library provides the failure handling template for each NF to handle statistical and dynamical endpoint information. This library integrates with the REST endpoint to handle SBI message requests or responses.

AMF performs failure handling in the following scenarios:

- When the remote SBI endpoint responds with HTTP error code, it performs the retry procedure as per the failure handling template configuration.
- When the remote SBI endpoint does not respond within the timeout value, it considers it as an error and proceeds with failure handling.
- When failure is detected, the REST endpoint checks for retry count in the Failure Handling profile and performs retries.
- When retries are exhausted or retries aren't configured, it performs the failure action as configured.

Retransmit happens to the same configured URI.

You can configure response timeout under Failure Handling profile. The default timeout value is 2000 ms.

When multiple status codes are received, the number of retries defined for the first received status code is considered.

For terminate process, the UE context is cleared without any peer communication.



- Note**
- AMF supports the primary, secondary, and tertiary IP addresses that are defined in NF-client profile. If the primary address returns an error or times out, try the secondary address. If the secondary address returns an error or times out, try the tertiary address.
  - **Retry-and-ignore** is supported only for the SMSF interface.

The peer NFs send cause codes to the AMF for each SBI interface. The AMF handles these cause codes received from any SBI interface in each response message as per UE context.

**Table 3: SBI Supported Failure Actions**

Parameter	Failure Action
continue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continues the session</li> <li>• Rejects the call</li> </ul>
terminate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terminates the session</li> <li>• Rejects the call</li> </ul>
retry-and-terminate	Perform retry as configured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If retries are not exhausted, continues the session and the call.</li> <li>• If retries are exhausted, terminates the session and rejects the call.</li> </ul>
retry-and-continue	Perform retry as configured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If retries are not exhausted, continues the session and the call.</li> <li>• If retries are exhausted, terminates the session and rejects the call.</li> </ul>
retry-and-ignore	Perform retry as configured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If retry is passed, continues the session, and continues the call.</li> <li>• If retries are exhausted, continues the session, and continues the call (provided no dependency).</li> </ul>

## SBI Supported Interfaces and Messages

**Table 4: Feature History Table**

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
New Failure Handling Messages	2023.03	AMF supports the following new message types as part of the failure handling template configuration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UdmSdmGetUeAmSubscriptionData</li> <li>• AmfCommReleaseUeContext</li> </ul>

**Table 5: SBI Supported Interfaces and Messages**

Interface	Messages
AMF	Service: namf-comm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AmfCommUeContextTransfer</li> <li>• AmfCommUeContextTransferUpdate</li> <li>• AmfCommCreateUeContext</li> <li>• AmfCommReleaseUeContext</li> </ul>
AUSF	Service: nausf-auth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AusfAuthenticationReq</li> <li>• AusfAuthenticationCfm</li> </ul>
PCF	Service: npcf-am-policy-control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PcfAmfPolicyControlCreate</li> <li>• PcfAmfPolicyControlDelete</li> </ul>
SMF	Service: nsmf-pdusession <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmfSmContextCreate</li> <li>• SmfSmContextUpdate</li> <li>• SmfSmContextDelete</li> </ul>
SMSF	Service: nsmsf-sms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmsfActivationReq</li> <li>• SmsfDeactivationReq</li> <li>• SmsfSendSms</li> </ul>

Interface	Messages
UDM	Service: nudm-sdm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UdmSubscriptionReq</li> <li>• UdmUnSubscriptionReq</li> <li>• UdmSdmGetUeAmSubscriptionData</li> </ul> Service: nudm-uecm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UdmRegistrationReq</li> <li>• UdmDeRegistrationReq</li> </ul>

## SBI Message Validation

AMF performs the message validation for the SBI interfaces.

**Table 6: Handling of Inbound Request Messages**

Action	Inbound Request Message
Lookup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performs look up for the presence of mandatory or conditional attributes.</li> <li>• REST endpoint fills the appropriate cause code and sends to the peer NF when inbound message isn't qualified.</li> <li>• REST endpoint doesn't forward the failure request process to the AMF-service pod.</li> </ul>
Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validates syntax and semantic errors in mandatory or conditional attributes.</li> <li>• REST endpoint fills the appropriate cause code and sends to the peer NF, when any failure of message parsing or decoding occurs.</li> <li>• REST endpoint doesn't forward the failure request process to the AMF-service pod.</li> </ul>
Optional Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validates optional attributes in SBI messages.</li> <li>• Checks the syntax and semantic errors of optional attributes present in the SBI message.</li> <li>• REST endpoint ignores the validation of failed optional attributes and forwards the request to the AMF-service pod. The AMF-service pod handles the requested message as per the call model.</li> </ul>



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**Note** Validation of incoming inbound request message from UDM, SMF, and SMSF to AMF is supported on the REST endpoint.

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## Error handling on NGAP and NAS

NGAP error handling:

- Mandatory IE's presence and length checks are performed for the NGAP message validation.

NAS error handling:

- Mandatory IE's presence and length checks are performed for NAS message validation. Conditional IE validations for NAS are also performed.

## Local Cause Code Mapping

You can ignore the default EPS Mobility Management (EMM) cause code and configure a preferred EMM cause code to send to a UE in response to a procedural failure.

For example, you can instruct the AMF to return one of the six different EMM cause codes other than the default value, when the AMF receives an authentication error from an AUSF. A list local cause code mappings are created at the global configuration level. A desired list name is specified in the Call Control Profile or in the AMF services or both.

The order of Cause Code selection is as follows:

- Call Control Profile
- AMF Services
- Default

You can configure the local cause codes either or both in the AMF-service or in the Call Control profile.

[Table 7: Local Cause Code Mapping condition and 5GMM Cause Codes, on page 7](#) explains the local cause code-mapping conditions, and 5GMM cause codes with its default value.

Table 7: Local Cause Code Mapping condition and 5GMM Cause Codes

Local Cause Code Mapping Condition	5GMM Cause Codes
auth-failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• illegal-ms</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: illegal-ms</p>
clear-subscriber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• 5GS-services-not-allowed</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: plmn-not-allowed</p>
ctxt-xfer-fail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ue-identity-not-derived</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: ue-identity-not-derived</p>
ims-vops-failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• redirection-to-epc-required</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: redirection-to-epc-required</p>

Local Cause Code Mapping Condition	5GMM Cause Codes
peer-node-unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ue-identity-not-derived</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: ue-identity-not-derived</p>
registration-restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• 5GS-service-not-allowed</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: plmn-not-allowed</p>
rat-type-restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: plmn-not-allowed</p>
restricted-zone-code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• 5GS-services-not-allowed</li> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</p>



Local Cause Code Mapping Condition	5GMM Cause Codes
udm-unavailable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</li> <li>• plmn-not-allowed</li> <li>• restricted-service-area</li> <li>• roaming-not-allowed-in-this-tracking-area</li> <li>• tracking-area-not-allowed</li> </ul> <p>Default Value: no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area</p>

## Feature Configuration

Configuring this feature involves the following steps:

1. Local Cause Code Mapping at Global Configuration—This configuration supports the commands to configure local cause code mapping at Global configuration. For more information, see [Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping at Global Configuration, on page 9](#).
2. Local Cause Code Mapping under Call Control Policy Configuration. —This configuration supports the commands to configure local cause code mapping under Call Control Policy. For more information, see [Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping under Call Control Policy, on page 10](#).
3. Local Cause Code Mapping under AMF Service Configuration—This configuration supports the commands to configure local cause code mapping under AMF-service. For more information, see [Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping under AMF Service, on page 10](#).

## Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping at Global Configuration

To configure this feature, use the following configuration:

```

config
  local-cause-code-map name cause_code_map_name cause_code_type cause-code-5gmm
  cause_code_5gmm_type
end

```

### NOTES:

- **local-cause-code-map name** *cause\_code\_map\_name* *cause\_code\_type*—Specify a name for Cause Code Map.

The *cause\_code\_type* includes one of the following:

- **auth-failure**—UE authentication failure
- **clear-subscriber**—UE subscriber clear condition type
- **ctxt-xfer-fail**—Context transfer failure between AMF and MME
- **ims-vops-failure**—IMS voice-centric UE registration failure
- **peer-node-unknown**—No response from peer node

- `rat-type-restriction`—Restriction with RAT type
- `registration-restriction`—Restriction with Registration
- `restricted-zone-code`—Restricted zone code
- `udm-unavailable`—UDM not available

**cause-code-5gmm** `cause_code_5gmm_type`—Specify the `cause_code_5gmm_type`. For the values of `cause_code_5gmm_type`, see *Local Cause Code Mapping condition and 5GMM Cause Codes* table.

## Configuration Example

The following are the example configurations.

```
config
  local-cause-code-map name lc1 auth-failure cause-code-5gmm
no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area
end

config
  local-cause-code-map name lc2 ctxt-xfer-fail cause-code-5gmm restricted-service-area
end

config
  local-cause-code-map name example ims-vops-failure { no-suitable-cells-in-tracking-area
| redirection-to-epc-required }
end
```

## Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping under Call Control Policy

```
config
  call-control-policy policy_name
    local-cause-code-map cause_code_map_name
  end
```

### NOTES:

- **call-control-policy** `policy_name`—Specify the Call Control Policy name.
- **local-cause-code-map** `cause_code_map_name`—Specify the `cause_code_map_name` which is configured at *Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping at Global Configuration*.

## Configuration Example

The following is an example configuration.

```
config
  amf-global
    call-control-policy ccpl
      local-cause-code-map lc1
    end
```

## Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping under AMF Service

To configure this feature, use the following configuration:

```

config
  amf-services service_name
    local-cause-code-map cause_code_map_name
  end

```

**NOTES:**

- **local-cause-code-map** *cause\_code\_map\_name*—Specify the *cause\_code\_map\_name* which is configured at [Configuring the Local Cause Code Mapping at Global Configuration, on page 9](#).

## Configuration Example

The following is an example configuration.

```

config
  amf-services amf
    local-cause-code-map lc2
  end

```

## Failure Handling Template

Configuring the response timeout for failure handling involves the following steps:

- Response Timeout Configuration at Endpoint—This configuration provides the commands to configure response timeout at endpoint. For more information, see [Configuring the Response Timeout at Endpoint, on page 11](#).
- Response Timeout Configuration at Failure Profile—This configuration provides the commands to configure response timeout at failure profile level. For more information, see [Configuring the Response timeout at Failure Profile, on page 12](#).

The following is an example of the failure handling template configuration for the AUSF. This configuration is similar for all other interfaces.

## Configuring the Response Timeout at Endpoint

To configure the response timeout at endpoint level, use the following configuration:

```

config
  profile nf-client nf-type name_of_nf_type
    ausf-profile profile_name
    locality locality_name
    service name type service_name
    responsetimeout timeout_value
  end

```

**NOTES:**

- **profile nf-client nf-type** *name\_of\_nf\_type*—Specify the NF.
- **ausf-profile** *profile\_name*—Specify a name for AUSF profile.
- **locality** *locality\_name*—Specify a name for locality.
- **service name type** *service\_name*—Specify a name for service type.
- **responsetimeout** *timeout\_value*—Specify the timeout value in seconds. Must be an integer.

## Configuration Example

The following is an example configuration.

```
config
  profile nf-client nf-type ausf
    ausf-profile AUP1
      locality LOC1
        service name type nausf-auth
          responsetimeout 2000
        end
      end
    end
```

## Configuration Verification

To verify the configuration:

```
show running-config profile nf-client nf-type ausf | details
profile nf-client nf-type ausf
  ausf-profile AUP1
    locality LOC1
      priority 30
      service name type nausf-auth
        responsetimeout 2000
      endpoint-profile EP1
        capacity 30
        priority 1
        uri-scheme http
        endpoint-name EP1
        priority 56
        primary ip-address ipv4 209.165.200.229
        primary ip-address port 9047
        secondary ip-address ipv4 209.165.200.229
        secondary ip-address port 9047
        tertiary ip-address ipv4 209.165.200.229
        tertiary ip-address port 9047
      exit
    exit
  exit
exit
```

## Configuring the Response timeout at Failure Profile

When the request is failed and the failure profile is selected, the response time is considered from the failure handling profile.

To configure the response timeout at failure profile level, use the following configuration:

```
config
  profile nf-client-failure nf-type name_of_nf_type
    profile failure-handling failure_handling_name
      service name type service_name
        responsetimeout timeout_value
      end
    end
```

### NOTES:

- **profile nf-client-failure nf-type *name\_of\_nf\_type***—Specify the NF.
- **profile failure-handling *failure\_handling\_name***—Specify a name for failure handling.
- **service name type *service\_name***—Specify a name for service type.

- **responsetimeout** *timeout\_value*—Specify the timeout value in seconds. Must be an integer.

### Configuration Example

The following is an example configuration:

```
config
  profile nf-client-failure nf-type ausf
  profile failure-handling FH1
    service name type nausf-auth
    responsetimeout 1000
  end
```

### Configuration Verification

To verify the configuration:

```
show running-config profile nf-client-failure nf-type ausf | details
profile nf-client-failure nf-type ausf
  profile failure-handling FH1
    service name type nausf-auth
    responsetimeout 1000
    message type AusfAuthenticationReq
      status-code httpv2 503
      retry 3
      retransmit 2
      retransmit-interval 25
      action retry-and-terminate
    exit
  exit
  message type AusfAuthenticationCfm
    status-code httpv2 503
    retry 3
    retransmit 2
    retransmit-interval 25
    action retry-and-terminate
  exit
exit
exit
exit
exit
```

### Behavior for Multiple Failure Cause Code Configuration

If multiple status codes return one after another matches the failure handling profile, the following known behavior is observed:

- Example—When retry count is configured and retransmit value is not configured.

```
config
  profile nf-client-failure nf-type smsf
  profile failure-handling FH5
    service name type nsmsf-sms
    responsetimeout 1000
    message type SmsfActivationReq
      status-code httpv2 500
      retry 3
      retransmit-interval 2000
      action retry-and-ignore
    exit
    status-code httpv2 504
      retry 2
      retransmit-interval 2000
```

```

    action retry-and-ignore
end

```

For the example mentioned,

- If AMF receives 500 response for the first try, then it performs a second retry.
- In the second retry, if AMF gets 504 response, AMF tries twice.
- When this retry count (for 504 response) is exhausted, AMF doesn't resume the retry count for first one (500 response).
- The maximum retries depend on the maximum number of endpoints configured (primary, secondary, tertiary) or NRF discovered ones.
- Example—When retry count and retransmit value are configured.

```

config
profile nf-client-failure nf-type smsf
profile failure-handling FH5
service name type nsmsf-sms
responsetimeout 1000
message type SmsfActivationReq
status-code httpv2 504
retransmit 3
retry 2
action retry-and-terminate
end

```

For the example mentioned,

- If both retransmit value and retry count are configured, retransmit happens first and then retry. Retransmission is done thrice and if it fails, retry to done for secondary endpoint. If retry returns 504 response, retransmission is done three times and if it fails, retry is done for tertiary endpoint.




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**Note** Retries are always done to another endpoint, while retransmission is done always to same endpoint.

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