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Abstract	This contribution lists IEs and their period bit assignment which are inconsistently defined 2 bits and 3 bits in the current document. It is a follow up contribution to clarify the discussion regarding change request comment #380					
Purpose	To bring intention in inconsistently assigned period bits in IEs and recommend making the field consistent.					
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List of IEs and Period Bits Assignment

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The following Table lists 13 IEs where CQICH channel feedback period is defined. As you can see, 7 IEs uses 3 bit period, and 6 IEs uses 2 bit period. In addition, some IEs are nibble aligned, some are not. Certain IEs also artificially change the duration fields from 3 bits to 4 bits to make the nibble aligned. Even with this kind of change, due to the variable fields in some IEs, there is no way to make sure that IEs are always nibble aligned.

In conclusion, the recommendation is to change 2 bits to 3 bits in all the IEs listed in Table 1. By doing so, it makes no impact on nibble alignment (however, if people feels strongly to make every IE nibble alignment, then we need to add or reduce reserve bits, even by doing so, there are at least 2 IEs, which are impossible to be nibble aligned sue to the existence of variable field).

Table 1: IEs related to CQICH allocation

Page #	Table #	IE name	Period (#bits)	Duration (#bits)	Nibble Aligned (before)	Nibble Aligned (after)
25	Figure 20c	CQICH allocation request	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
86	Table 95	HARQ CQICH_Control IE format	2	4	У	N unless change Period and Duration together or add reserved bits
141	109i	MOB_BSHO-REQ message format	2	3	N, CQICH_D is a variable field, in addition, the loop ahead of Period is not nibble aligned.	No need
154	109n	MOB_BSHO-RSP message format	2	3	N	No need
407	286m	DL HARQ Chase sub- burst IE	3	4	Y	Y

417	286t	Dedicated MIMO DL Control IE format	3	4	N	N
426	286y	AAS_SDMA_DL_IE	3	4	Y (in some area)	Y (in some area)
468	300	CQICH alloc IE format	2	3	N	N
475	302b	CQICH Enhanced allocation IE	3	3	N	N
484	302i	Anchor_BS_switch_IE	2	3	N	N
501	302v	Feedback polling IE	2	3	N	N
408	286n	DL HARQ IR CTC sub- burst IE()	3	4	N (variable RCID)	N
410	2860	DL HARQ IR CC sub- burst IE format	3	4	N	N