

## Port 43 Changes

The Port 43 Consultation ended at midday 5 February 2018. The DNCL Board met on 22 February 2018 to consider the submissions from the Port 43 WHOIS Requirements Consultation. The board resolved that the Port 43 WHOIS will be reduced in the information that it returns. The Port 43 WHOIS will no longer show contact details of Registrant, Admin or Technical contacts. The date billed and date registered until information will also be removed.

Port 43 will continue to return query status, domain date, domain signed, Registrar details and name server details.

.nz authorised Registrars and organisations that have been whitelisted via the DNCL approved whitelisting process will continue to receive full records.

The DNCL's web-based .nz domain name query search (formerly known as a WHOIS search), will be updated to include a CAPTCHA gateway to prevent bulk harvesting, but will continue to function as normal returning full records.

This change will come into effect from mid-April 2018.

## Individual Registrant Privacy Option (IRPO)

The 28 March 2018 policy implementation date for the Individual Registrant Privacy Option (IRPO) as per policy has passed. Thank you to those registrars who have begun offering IRPO (<https://dnc.org.nz/registrars>). All Registrars were required by policy to offer IRPO by 28 March 2018. For any assistance with meeting this policy requirement, please send us an email. We are also actively following up registrars who have not yet implemented.

Registrants who wish to use IRPO must request the service for each individual domain name, and not a user account or entire portfolio. To qualify for IRPO, Registrants must not be using the domain name for significant trade (as defined by the Fair Trading Act 1986) and are required to make a declaration to that effect when requesting the service. If any questions arise, or if we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Policy questions should be directed to [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz), and technical questions can go to the team at InternetNZ, contactable at [registry@internetnz.net.nz](mailto:registry@internetnz.net.nz).

## Change is coming to the Domain Name Commission

In March 2018, the team at the Domain Name Commission has been working hard with some of our partners freshening up what we look like. You might notice these changes being rolled out through April. We hope you like them as much as we are excited to bring them to you. 'Like' our Facebook page to keep up with these changes <https://www.facebook.com/DomainNameCommission/>

## Latest Dispute Resolution Decisions

There have been a number of new dispute resolution decisions released by our panel of Experts.

Recent decisions include:

- Carnival
- Huawei Technologies and
- Eat My Lunch

These decisions can be found at <https://www.dnc.org.nz/decisions>

## Registrar Advisory Group

We have had further expressions of interest for the available RAG positions, following this month's nomination period, so are inviting nominations for Registrar representatives for the two available positions on the Registrar Advisory Group (RAG). Registrars can nominate people for this by emailing us at [registrar@dnc.org.nz](mailto:registrar@dnc.org.nz). Confirmation of your organisation's voter can also be sent to this address.

There can be one nomination per Registrar, nominees need to have a clear relationship with the authorised registrar and be a named person, and include a short biography of around 100 words. Nominations, with biographies, should be sent to [registrar@dnc.org.nz](mailto:registrar@dnc.org.nz), and need to be received by midday, 5 April 2018.

More information is available in the RAG terms of reference at [http://dnc.org.nz/content/Registrar\\_Advisory\\_Group\\_TOR.pdf](http://dnc.org.nz/content/Registrar_Advisory_Group_TOR.pdf)

The RAG will be meeting on the morning of 4 May, 2018, after the Registrar conference – an agenda will be sent to Registrars shortly.

## .nz Registrar Conference 2018

The .nz Registrar conference is being held at the Copthorne Hotel, Oriental Bay, Wellington on 3 May. It is the domain name industry event in New Zealand, bringing registrars together to learn, network, and discuss policy, technical and marketing aspects of .nz

The conference is free to attend and has a diverse and broad range of speakers including the new Domain Name Commissioner Brent Carey, Quentin Reade Head of Brand and Communications Consumer Vocus NZ, Maddison Selleck Chief Business Development Officer VentralP Australia, providing a Registrar view on experiences with bucking the industry trend and Andrew Taylor Head of Theta Digital, who is presenting on how businesses are winning customers through chatbots. Following the presentations you are invited to a cocktail function & awards ceremony at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club.

For information on speakers and to RSVP visit: <https://internetnz.nz/event/nz-registrar-conference> Any questions, please email [tracy@internetnz.net.nz](mailto:tracy@internetnz.net.nz)

## InternetNZ Organisational Review – InternetNZ/NZRS Merger

From 1 April 2018, NZRS will merge into InternetNZ.

While this exciting change is occurring for our colleagues over at InternetNZ, The Domain Name Commission has also focused in on its independent role overseeing the .nz domain name space and administering the .nz dispute resolution service.

We now have a smaller Board which means .nz policy development has moved to be the responsibility of InternetNZ. They will set up a new .nz policy committee to decide policy, fees and commercial terms. Our role hasn't changed, nor the procedures by which we apply the rules or administer the Dispute Resolution Service. Our working relationship is unchanged - you still contact us in the same way, for the same reasons.

The rationale for these changes is to simplify how internet users work with the Domain Name Commission and the wider InternetNZ Group, and to improve the effectiveness of our part in governance and management of the Internet.

Details of the changes can be found here: <https://internetnz.nz/blog/changing-internetnz-our-organisational-review>

## Statistics

In February 2018, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 705,911 to 707,420. Figures as of 28 February 2018:

	Jan 18	Feb 18	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	135,400	136,229	2,504	14,429	829
.ac.nz	2,346	2,361	35	339	15
.co.nz	504,587	505,239	6,714	56,613	652
.cri.nz	7	7	0	3	0
.geek.nz	944	937	1	209	-7
.gen.nz	1,064	1,058	4	236	-6
.govt.nz	1,054	1,056	3	1	2
.health.nz	257	257	0	251	0
.iwi.nz	102	103	2	11	1
.kiwi.nz	4,480	4,479	30	474	-1
.maori.nz	880	878	7	98	-2
.mil.nz	33	33	0	3	0
.net.nz	23,669	23,591	176	3,102	-78
.org.nz	27,561	27,564	236	3,221	3
.parliament.nz	11	11	0	1	0
.school.nz	3,596	3,617	31	779	21
TOTAL	705,991	707,420	9,743	79,770	1,429

*Note: these figures do not include names in 'pending release' status. They incorporate all active domain names in the .nz register. For more statistics, see <https://dnc.org.nz/statistics>*

## Availability

Availability%	SLA	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18
SRS	99.9	100	100	99.8
Whois	99.9	100	100	100
DNS	100	100	100	100

## SRS Response times

Performance figures on the production environment for the previous three months.

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.02	0.02	0.02
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.20	0.20	0.20
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.29	0.33	0.31
Get Message	≤0.5	0.09	0.12	0.11
Whois	≤0.5	0.09	0.09	0.10
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	6,562	6,288	5,597
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	64,397	20,531	46,804
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	2	1	1

## Server DNS% Availability

	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18
NS1	100	100	100
NS2	100	100	100
NS3	100	100	100
NS4	100	100	100
NS5	100	100	100
NS6	100	100	100
NS7	100	100	100

## Unscheduled Outages during February 2018

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	Totalling 1 hour 41 minutes*
WHOIS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages
DNS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages

\*Detail can be seen at <https://status.nzrs.net.nz/incidents/09w9z9xdhmlc>

## Scheduled Outages during February 2018

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	Totalling 1 Hour
SRS Emergency Scheduled	No scheduled outages
WHOIS Scheduled	No scheduled outages

\* Registrars are reminded to check their systems, if required, after any scheduled outage.

## Any Comments?

If you have any questions or concerns about the SRS, please don't hesitate to contact us. For registry or technical matters, contact the InternetNZ Registry team at [registry@internetnz.net.nz](mailto:registry@internetnz.net.nz) or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact the DNCL team at [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz)

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