

Proposed changes to Conflicted Name Process

Following an internal review of conflicted names in the .nz domain name space, DNCL has identified a number of proposed changes intended to streamline the Conflicted Name Process and, over time, help reduce the total number of conflicted names within .nz.

The changes being proposed are:

- To require registrants involved in a conflicted domain name to lodge a preference within 12 months.
- To remove the option for a conflicted name to become a new second level.
- To clarify that, in cases where all registrants have lodged a preference saying they don't care who gets the shorter name, the conflicted name will be released for general registration.

Also being considered is whether there should be a different approach to conflicted names in cases where a registrant is self-conflicted, and how registrants who have engaged in the Conflicted Name Process without resolution can best be handled.

DNCL would like to hear from the community about the proposed changes, and invites anyone with an interest in conflicted names to make a submission.

More information can be found at dnc.org.nz/conflicted-names. Submissions are due by midday on 22 December 2016. You can email your submission to policies@dnc.org.nz or post to P.O. Box 11-881, Wellington.

DNCL introduces provisional address masking option

In early November, DNCL introduced a free provisional address masking option, where any individual (natural person) registrant can ask that their contact address be masked from public display in the WHOIS.

Just what information should be displayed when a WHOIS search is done is currently the subject of a major review. Throughout the review, DNCL has become aware that some individual registrants are concerned for privacy and personal safety reasons about having their contact address publicly displayed.

The provisional address masking option has been introduced to help alleviate these concerns while DNCL carries on with its WHOIS review. Those wanting to take advantage of the option will have his or her contact address masked with a unique reference code and DNCL's P.O. Box address.

More information, including how the address masking option works and how to request masking can be found at <https://www.dnc.org.nz/pamo>.

.nz celebrates 10 years of the Dispute Resolution Service

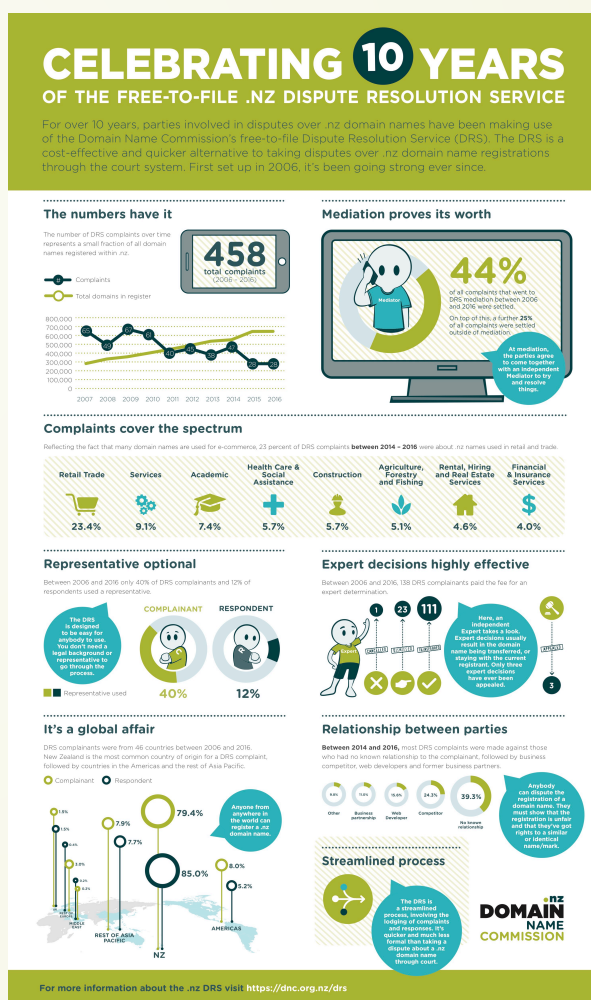
This year, the .nz Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) turned 10 years old. To celebrate, DNCL has produced an infographic that showcases a number of facts and figures from over the past decade.

First set up in 2006, the free-to-file DRS is an independent, online service for those who want to dispute a .nz domain registration.

There have been 458 total DRS complaints between 2006 and 2016, with most complaints originating in New Zealand – followed by countries in the Americas and the rest of Asia Pacific.

Other information in the infographic includes a range of 10-year statistics on mediation, expert decisions, use of a representative, and more.

Go to the following link to view the infographic:
<https://www.dnc.org.nz/node/1217>



Save the date for 2017 .nz Registrar Conference

Registrars are advised that the 2017 .nz Registrar Conference will take place on Thursday, 23 March 2017 at The Hilton, Quay Street, Auckland.

Registrations can be made at the following link - <https://nzrs-registrar-conference-2017.lilregie.com>

Statistics

In October 2016, the number of active .nz domain names decreased from 667,295 to 666,597, a net decrease of 698. Figures as of 31 October 2016:

	30 Sep 16	31 Oct 16	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	113,358	112,674	2,272	14,373	-684
.ac.nz	2,275	2,267	17	324	-8
.co.nz	485,747	485,937	7,013	59,281	190
.cri.nz	7	7	0	1	0
.geek.nz	1,001	998	6	212	-3
.gen.nz	1,152	1,152	2	265	0
.govt.nz	1,035	1,037	2	1	2
.health.nz	239	239	0	219	0
.iwi.nz	106	104	0	11	-2
.kiwi.nz	4,947	4,918	54	638	-29
.maori.nz	918	910	5	97	-8
.mil.nz	30	30	0	6	0
.net.nz	25,144	25,041	218	3,932	-103
.org.nz	27,795	27,744	261	3,369	-51
.parliament.nz	11	11	0	1	0
.school.nz	3,530	3,528	11	804	-2
TOTAL	667,295	666,597	9,861	83,534	-698

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	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16
SRS	99.9	100	100	100
Whois	99.9	99.97	99.96	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	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.02	0.02
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.33	0.31	0.23
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.40	0.38	0.36
Get Message	≤0.5	0.14	0.13	0.12
Whois	≤0.5	0.13	0.12	0.11
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	11,679	10,956	11,266
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	2,606	2,740	2,931
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.12	0.11	0.10

Server DNS% Availability

	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16
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
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Unscheduled Outages during October 2016

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages
WHOIS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages
DNS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages

Scheduled Outages during October 2016*

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	3 hours, 30 minutes.
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 Dave Baker at support@nzrs.net.nz or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz

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