

.nz NEWSLETTER – April 2009

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Privacy Policy Review – Consultation

The DNC is now reviewing the Privacy Policy. This policy relates to the collection and use of personal information to effectively operate the DNS.

Only personal information that is directly related to the function of the .nz register, and that is necessary for, or directly related to this functioning, will be collected. This is in line with other Internet domain name registration services worldwide

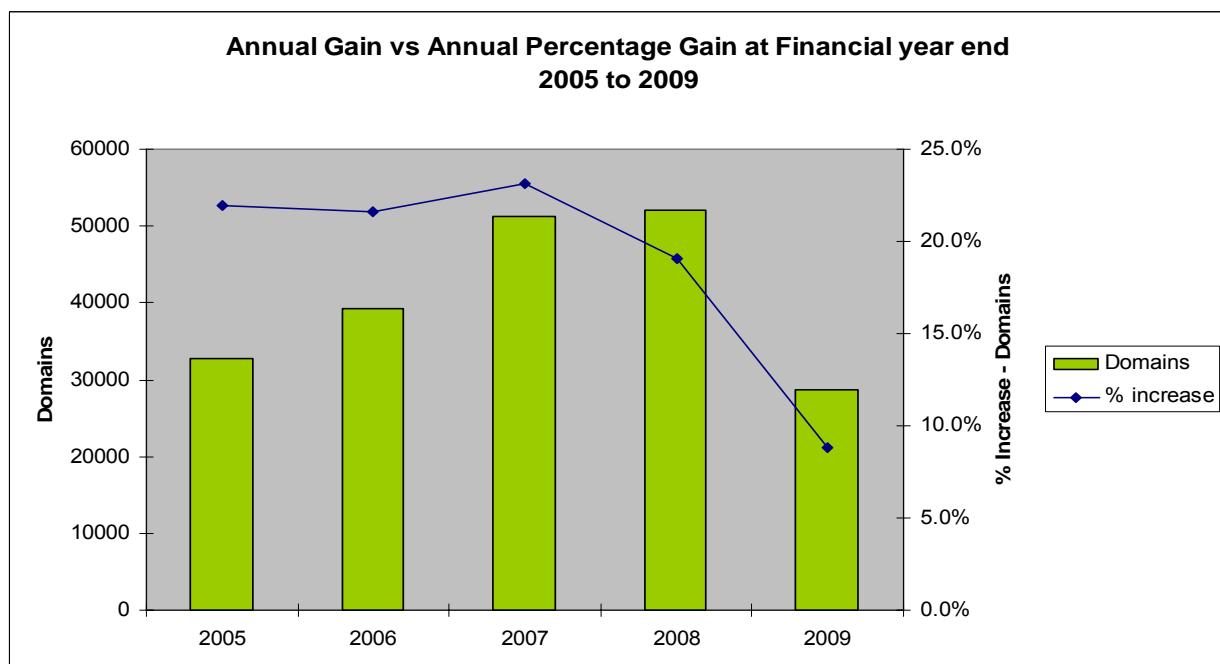
No operational issues have been identified with the current policy. It is being reviewed as part of the regular, ongoing review of .nz policies.

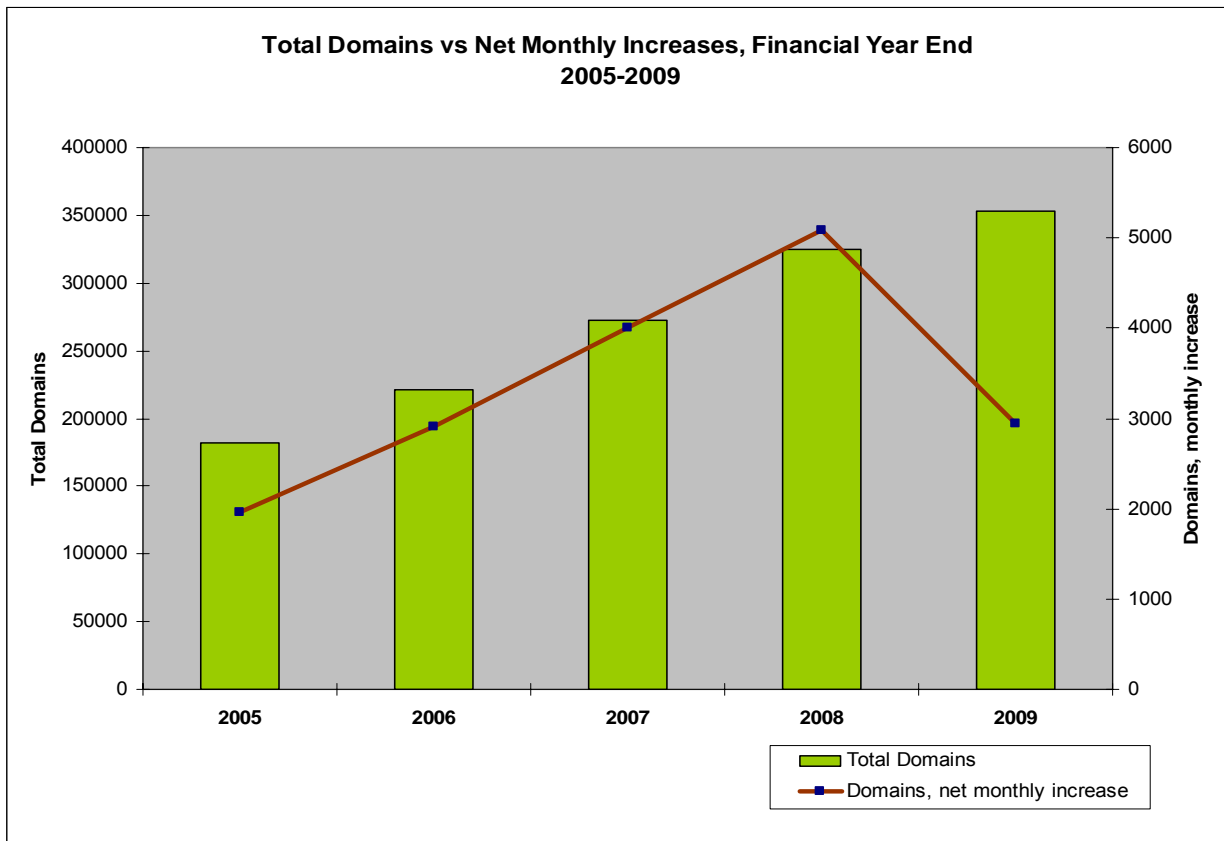
Therefore we are now seeking comment regarding any suggested changes to the above policy as identified by interested parties.

Submissions should be by email to policies@dnc.org.nz. They may also be made by fax to +64 4 495 2115 or by post to Domain Name Commission, PO Box 11 881, Wellington 6142, New Zealand. All submissions will be published at <http://www.dnc.org.nz/pri-review>. All submissions should be received by midday on Monday 4th May.

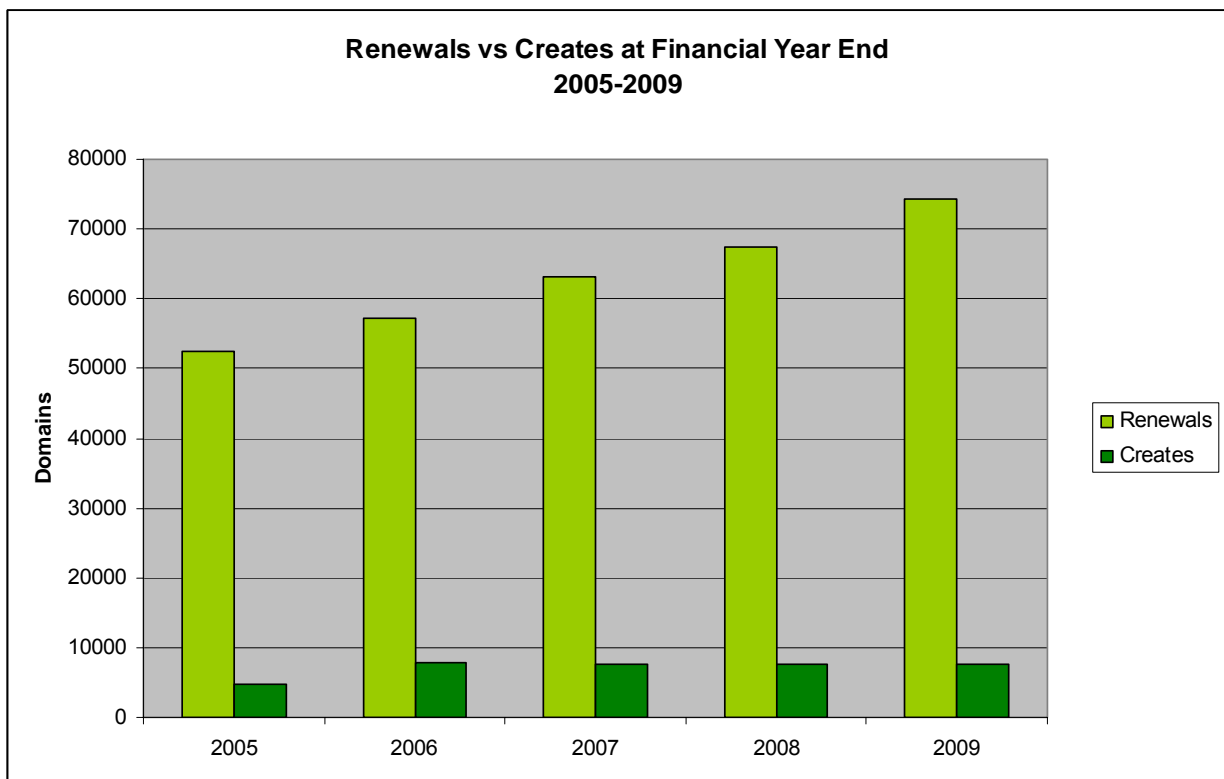
.nz Statistics –2008-2009 Financial year

A breakdown of the financial year end statistics are outlined via the graphs below. In 2008-2009 we saw a marked lower net annual increase along with a lower net monthly increase in domain name registrations in comparison with previous financial years. However we did still see a steady increase in the total names in the .nz space, with an additional 28,708 names during 2008-2009.





While the above graph shows a slower growth this year, the net monthly growth figures for early 2009 show a stabilisation of monthly growth from the low point experienced in November 2008.



Renewals and creates for the 2008-2009 financial year are healthy and are consistent with previous rates.

Statistics

In March, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 351,464 to 353,430, a net increase of 1966.

Figures as at 31 March 2009:

	<i>Active names as at 1 March</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 March</i>	<i>New registrations March</i>	<i>Renewals March</i>	<i>Net Growth</i>
.ac	1680	1665	45	391	-15
.co	302527	304330	6667	63188	1803
.cri	15	15	0	5	0
.geek	870	873	24	215	3
.gen	1206	1204	20	318	-2
.govt	985	988	4	1007	3
.iwi	65	67	2	9	2
.maori	535	544	19	93	9
.mil	18	18	0	4	0
.net	20266	20336	442	3962	70
.org	20454	20545	354	3930	91
.parliament	5	6	1	6	1
.school	2838	2839	25	1290	1
TOTAL	351464	353430	7603	74418	1966

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

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Availability

SRS production system availability:

	SLA	January	February	March
SRS Availability %	99.90	99.96	99.92	99.99
Whois	99.90	100	99.92	100
DNS	100	100	100	100

Response time performance figures on the production environment for the previous three months were:

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target	January	February	March
Domain Details Query	≤1.5	0.04	0.04	0.04
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.39	0.39	0.36
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.45	0.44	0.42
GetMessage performance	≤0.8	0.05	0.05	0.05
Whois	≤0.8	0.12	0.12	0.12

Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	2921	2851	3411
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	336	382	470
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.8	0.16	0.17	0.17

Server DNS % Availability

	January 09	February 09	March 09
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 March 2009

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	339 seconds (5 minutes and 39 secs)
WHOIS Unscheduled	127 seconds (2 minutes and 7 secs)
DNS	0

Scheduled Outages during March 2009

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	4 hours
Whois Scheduled	4 hours

SRS Releases / Planned Scheduled Outages

Sunday 26th April 2009, 07:00 - 09:00 NZDT

Scheduled outage to the SRS.

24th May 2009 07:00 – 09:00 am NZDT

Scheduled outage to the SRS.

Details of SRS releases and planned scheduled outages can be found on the NZRS website.

<http://www.nzrs.net.nz/notices/updates.shtml>

Job Opportunities: DNS SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

This is the unique chance to work at the heart of New Zealand's Internet, and develop a great career as well.

We're looking for a DNS Systems Specialist/Systems Administrator to play a key role in the DNS critical infrastructure for New Zealand.

The role of the DNS Systems Specialist will range from the day to day support and management of NZRS's DNS infrastructure to the research, planning and implementing of upgrades/additions to the DNS system. The DNS Systems Specialist will also initiate and undertake new projects related to improving and enhancing the DNS systems or introducing new DNS related technologies. This position will require a thorough understanding of DNS, particularly with respect to the BIND nameserver software.

With at least three years experience in a systems administrator role, with strong DNS skills means you're ideally suited for this role. You'll also have strong skills in UNIX and networking and enjoy diversity and challenge.

Interested applicants should e-mail their enquiry to recruitment@nzrs.net.nz

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. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz.

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