

## DNCL Website Updates its Domain Name Search (WHOIS) Functionality

As of 16 April, the Domain Name Commission has added functionality to the Search Domain tool on its website. This functionality has been added to assist with the .nz registrations at the second level project.

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DOMAIN NAME	AVAILABILITY
dnc.ac.nz	Available
dnc.co.nz	Registered <a href="#">More details</a>
dnc.geek.nz	Available
dnc.gen.nz	Available
dnc.kiwi.nz	Registered <a href="#">More details</a>
dnc.maori.nz	Available

Full details of a .nz domain name can be seen by selecting 'More details' for the relevant domains. You can also go straight to the full result if you search for a specific domain name, using its second level.

## Registrant Details for Businesses and Organisations

DNCL advises that when registering a business's .nz domain name, best practice is for the Registrant Details to list the business's information itself and not the details of the individual who actually registers the name.

We are mindful that some Registrars already actively communicate this message to their customers and would like to see others do so as well.

Josh Cookson, who deals with Registrar Liaison and Compliance issues for DNCL, says that putting down a specific person's name under a business's Registrant Details can cause future problems for Registrars, Registrants and the business itself.

"When someone registers a .nz domain name for their business or organisation, our policy states that they have to be an identifiable individual over 18 or a properly constituted organisation," he said.

"Problems occur when a staff member registers a domain name for their employer, but uses their own name, rather than the organisation's name. When they leave their employment, the name is still registered to the individual, not the business. If names are registered in the name of the organisation, then staff changes do not create the same problem.

"This becomes very relevant if DNCL needs to contact the official Registrant, or the business gets involved in a Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) process. To change your Registrant contact details you need to talk to your .nz Registrar."

## Statistics

In March, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 546,565 to 549,781, a net increase of 3,216. Figures as of 31 March, 2014:

	28 Feb 14	31 Mar 14	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.ac	2,053	2,068	35	334	15
.co	471,142	473,950	9,002	69,295	2,808
.cri	12	12	0	1	0
.geek	1,204	1,202	14	267	-2
.gen	1,336	1,332	14	306	-4
.govt	1,046	1,042	1	1,019	-4
.health	187	191	4	166	4
.iwi	85	86	1	13	1
.kiwi	6963	7,252	346	506	289
.maori	1161	1,160	20	126	-1
.mil	37	37	0	10	0
.net	29,607	29,689	479	4,456	82
.org	28,312	28,328	352	3,946	16
.parliament	10	10	0	10	0
.school	3,410	3,422	29	1,100	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>546,565</b>	<b>549,781</b>	<b>10,297</b>	<b>81,555</b>	<b>3,216</b>

Note: the previous 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>

## Availability

Availability %	SLA	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14
SRS	99.9	100	100	100
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	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.02	0.03	0.04
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.14	0.15	0.22
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.18	0.15	0.29
Get Message	≤0.5	0.05	0.05	0.10
Whois	≤0.5	0.05	0.05	0.07
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	10,229	10,356	11,465
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1,249	1,346	1,459
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.07	0.07	0.08

## Server DNS % Availability

	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14
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 2014

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

## Scheduled Outages during March 2014

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	1 hour 15 minutes
SRS Emergency Scheduled	No scheduled outages
WHOIS Scheduled	1 hour 15 minutes

## Planned Scheduled Outages

Details of future SRS releases and planned scheduled outages can be found on our website <http://nzrs.net.nz/notices/updates>

## 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](mailto:support@nzrs.net.nz) or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz).

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