.nz NEWSLETTER

Preferential Registration or Reservation (PRR) period ends with a flourish

Over the past six months, tens of thousands of .nz registrants have taken the opportunity to register or reserve the shorter version of their name direct at the second level.

Most holders of .nz domain names had what was called Preferential Registration or Reservation (PRR) status - meaning they were able to get the shorter version of their .nz name before anyone else.

Beginning at 1pm on 30 September 2014, the PRR period ended with a flourish at 1pm on 30 March 2015. During this time, 39,896* eligible .nz registrants had taken action to register the shorter version of their name, with a further 20,400 opting to use the reservation service.

The six month PRR period also saw 3,835 conflicted names resolved and 14,186 conflict preferences lodged.

Importantly, names with PRR status that hadn't been registered or reserved by 1pm, 30 March 2015 are now available for anybody to register - on a first come, first served basis.

.nz domain name availability can be checked by using the Search Domains tool at dnc.org.nz. A list of all authorised .nz registrars is available at dnc.org.nz/registrars.

the previous version of the April 2015 newsletter incorrectly featured a different number here - 58,879. This was the result of a reporting error that saw 7,338 names recorded as PRR to Active between September and November 2014. The 58,879 figure also incorrectly included 11,645 names that had gone from PRR to Available that were then registered before the end of the month.

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No timeframe for taking part in the Conflicted Names Process

For .nz domain names with 'conflicted' status, DNCL advises that there is no timeframe for the parties involved to take part in the Conflicted Names Process at anyname.dnc.org.nz.

A conflicted name is one that exists in more than one second level of .nz – with all having been registered before 30 May 2012.

The Conflicted Names Process is how conflicted registrants can have their say on who (if anyone) might get the shorter .nz name. It works via an online tool at anyname.dnc.org.nz, where conflicted registrants can (if they wish) lodge a conflict preference.

All conflicted registrants need to agree which of them is able to register the shorter .nz name. If there's no agreement, the shorter .nz name will be unavailable for registration.

Is your contact information up-to-date?

If you have a .nz domain name you should know that it's important to keep your contact information up-to-date.

How to check your details:

Visit dnc.org.nz and use the 'Search Domains' tool on the top left-hand corner of the page. Your details should show as the Registrant Contact.

It is important that you check that you still have access to the e-mail address listed on the record, as this is the address that your registrar will use to communicate with you.

For registrants: If your contact details are incorrect, please tell your registrar to update the information.

For registrars: If you become aware that the contact details for a .nz domain name may be wrong, then you are obliged to chase up your customers to correct any inaccurate information displayed in the register.

Statistics

In March 2015, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 606,634 to 632,268, a net increase of 25,634. Figures as of 31 March 2015:

	28 Feb 15	31 Mar 15	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	51,657	79,391	27,778	1,745	27,734
.ac.nz	2,181	2,200	37	359	19
.co.nz	480,625	478,996	8,046	69,705	-1,629
.cri.nz	12	12	0	1	0
.geek.nz	1,169	1,170	18	257	1
.gen.nz	1,281	1,287	12	310	6
.govt.nz	1,037	1,035	2	1,026	-2
.health.nz	205	210	5	191	5
.iwi.nz	83	87	3	19	4
.kiwi.nz	6,787	6,715	145	544	-72
.maori.nz	1,059	1,057	17	126	-2
.mil.nz	33	33	0	8	0
.net.nz	28,454	28,032	361	4,136	-422
.org.nz	28,539	28,528	355	3,941	-11
.parliament.nz	10	10	0	10	0
.school.nz	3,502	3,505	24	1,029	3
TOTAL	606,634	632,268	36,803	83,407	25,634

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 15	Feb 15	Mar 15
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 15	Feb 15	Mar 15
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.27	0.25	0.32
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.34	0.35	0.28
Get Message	≤0.5	0.12	0.12	0.12
Whois	≤0.5	0.11	0.12	0.10
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	5,929	6,590	9,216
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1,600	1,567	1,974
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.10	0.10	0.11

Server DNS % Availability

	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15
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 2015

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

Scheduled Outages during March 2015

Outage Type	Total Duration

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Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	4 hours
SRS Emergency Scheduled	No scheduled outages
WHOIS Scheduled	4 hours

Planned Scheduled Outages

Details of future SRS releases and planned scheduled outages can be found on our website https://docs.nzrs.net.nz/notifications

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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