

.nz NEWSLETTER – June 2011

:: Domain Name Commission ::

.nz Dispute Resolution Service Policy Amendment

This is to advise of amendments to the .nz Dispute Resolution Service Policy and Procedure following the recent review.

The amended .nz Dispute Resolution Service Policy, version 3.0, will come into effect on 1 July 2011.

The amendments are as follows:

Clause 3 includes a definition of the term Mediator as used throughout the policy. The definition of “Mediator” being ‘a person appointed to mediate a Domain Name dispute under paragraph B6 of the Procedure’

A new clause, 6.4 is added, to read ‘Trading in domain names for profit, and holding a large portfolio of domain names, are of themselves lawful activities. The Expert will review each case on its merits.’

Clause B20.1 is amended to set the fee for referral to an Expert at \$2,000 plus GST (currently \$1,800 plus GST)

Clause B20.4 is amended to set the fee for appeal to \$7,200 plus GST. If the option is used to pay a deposit and the balance, the deposit is \$800 plus GST and non-refundable, and the balance is \$6,400 plus GST (currently \$6,600 plus GST).

These amendments will apply to all disputes received on or after 1 July 2011.

The existing version of the policy is available on the Disputes homepage.

Statistics

In May, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 435,888 to 440,576, a net increase of 4,688.

Figures as at 31 May 2011:

	<i>Active names as at 1 May</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 May</i>	<i>New registrations May</i>	<i>Renewals May</i>	<i>Net Growth</i>
.ac	1,878	1,885	35	316	7
.co	377,510	381,615	9,282	63,265	4,105
.cri	13	13	0	1	0
.geek	1,062	1,073	28	231	11

.gen	1,343	1,353	28	282	10
.govt	1,098	1,100	5	1,065	2
.health	131	132	1	107	1
.iwi	76	74	1	12	-2
.maori	620	632	22	95	12
.mil	33	33	0	5	0
.net	24,258	24,574	667	3,702	316
.org	24,761	24,978	489	3,843	217
.parliament	7	7	0	7	0
.school	3,098	3,107	27	1,301	9
TOTAL	435,888	440,576	10,585	74,232	4,688

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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DNSSEC

Testing of the DNSSEC solution is almost finished.

Our DNSSEC Practice Statement generated lively discussion within the community. During June, NZRS has been working on amending the DPS to address all concerns raised, and will consult again in July.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Sebastian on support@nzrs.net.nz

EPP

We have deployed a functioning version of the SRS EPP interface to the SRS production system.

If there are any registrars that would like to use the EPP interface on the test or production system then please contact Dave or Pearl on support@nzrs.net.nz

RIK Redevelopment Project

The project to update the Registrar Information Kit (RIK) has been completed.

SendJSON, sendXML and SRSClnt2 clients have been introduced and command-line options standardised. The most current version of the RIK is 5.12, released 26/06/11.

Detailed information available at: <http://nzrs.net.nz/notices/updates>

Availability

Availability %	SLA	March	April	May
SRS	99.90	100	100	99.99
Whois	99.90	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	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.02	0.01	0.02
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.21	0.21	0.22
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.25	0.25	0.29
Get Message	≤0.5	0.01	0.02	0.02
Whois	≤0.5	0.04	0.04	0.05
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	7,207	6,518	7,550
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	777	762	725
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.09	0.10	0.10

Server DNS % Availability

	March	April	May
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 May 2011

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	-
WHOIS Unscheduled	-
DNS	-

Scheduled Outages during May 2011

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	7 hours
SRS Emergency Scheduled	-
Whois Scheduled	7 hours

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 or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz.

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