

.nz NEWSLETTER – June 2009

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Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) – Sunrise Registration Policy Consultation

Draft Policy for Sunrise Registration Period

A policy outlining the rationale, requirements and process for the initial registration period for IDNs in .nz has been drafted and we are now seeking comment on the proposed policy. The draft policy can be viewed in either [.html](#) or [.pdf](#). A Māori translation of the policy is also available [here](#). The sunrise period will allow current .nz Registrants to have a chance to register the IDN variants of their ASCII names before open registration of IDNs in .nz are offered.

Submissions can be sent by email to policies@dnc.org.nz, by fax to (04) 495 2115, or by mail to P O Box 11881, Wellington. As submissions are received they will be published on the DNC website at <http://www.dnc.org.nz/idn-sunrise-policy>. Submissions should be received by 5pm on Monday 24th August.

Situation Vacant - Manager, Compliance and Security

Domain Name Commission Ltd is responsible for the day to day oversight of the .nz domain name registration and management system.

The Manager, Compliance and Security role is wide ranging and incorporates various compliance and security aspects associated with .nz and the Internet.

It has been established to enable DNCL to protect Registrants' rights by contributing to security issues affecting the Internet, including liaising with other organisations to educate and inform the public in respect of issues including spamming and phishing. It also incorporates the policy compliance functions.

Key responsibilities include:

- The development and maintenance of security policies
- Monitoring Registrars' systems and processes to ensure compliance with the .nz policies
- Monitoring advances and trends in matters affecting Internet security, including spamming and phishing

Requiring excellent communication and relationship management skills, this is a key position that combines technical and policy skills in an interesting, evolving environment.

A copy of the job description can be viewed [here](#).

To apply, or request further information including a position description, please email vacancies@dnc.org.nz

Applications close Friday 3 July 2009.

Registration Practices Reminder – Domain Name Contact Details

The Domain Name Commission would like to remind all parties that .nz domain names must be registered in the name of an identifiable individual aged 18 and over, or a properly constituted organisation. The Registrant is responsible for ensuring the contact details provided are current and correct.

If any party is concerned about a .nz domain name that is not registered in the fashion outlined above, then they should contact the Registrar of the name in question. If the issue is not resolved through the Registrar it may then be escalated to the Domain Name Commission.

Statistics

In May, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 355,779 to 358,559, a net increase of 2780.

Figures as at 31 May 2009:

	<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	1639	1651	29	363	12
.co	306376	306376	7552	61081	2583
.cri	15	15	0	3	0
.geek	867	868	25	188	1
.gen	1202	1213	20	300	11
.govt	988	990	2	901	2
.iwi	68	69	1	13	1
.maori	539	550	19	70	11
.mil	20	20	0	4	0
.net	20451	20499	450	4079	48
.org	20746	20844	390	4109	98
.parliament	6	6	0	6	0
.school	2862	2875	30	1223	13
TOTAL	355779	358559	8518	72340	2780

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

Availability %	SLA	March	April	May
SRS	99.90	99.99	99.95	99.95
Whois	99.90	100	100	99.96
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	March	April	May
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.04	0.05	0.04
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.36	0.38	0.31
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.42	0.44	0.38
Get Message	≤0.5	0.05	0.03	0.03
Whois	≤0.5	0.12	0.11	0.10
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	3411	3172	2458
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	470	481	428
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.17	0.13	0.12

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 2009

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	21 minutes and 1 second
WHOIS Unscheduled	18 minutes and 8 seconds
DNS	0

Scheduled Outages during May 2009

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	2 hours
Whois Scheduled	2 hours

SRS Releases / Planned Scheduled Outages

28th June 2009 07:00 – 10:00 am NZDT (3 hours)

Scheduled outage to the SRS to upgrade the SRS to release version 3.02.

Next scheduled outage: Sunday, 26th July 06:00 – 10:00 NZST (4 hours) for a disaster recovery handover test.

For more information check <http://www.nzrs.net.nz/notices/updates.shtml>

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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