

.nz registrations final policies approved by DNCL Board

On Friday, March 21 2014 the DNCL Board approved the final versions of the Registering, Managing and Cancelling (RMC) and Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) policies, in addition to some minor policy changes, in relation to registrations at the second level.

The approved policies will not come into effect immediately, however notice will be given on our website in due course.

RMC http://dnc.org.nz/content/approved_rmc_21_mar_2014.pdf

DRS http://dnc.org.nz/content/approved_drs_21_mar_2014.pdf

Other minor policy changes

- Privacy Policy and WHOIS Policy – the list of information provided from a WHOIS search will include statuses reflecting options available under the proposed policy.
- Change of Registrant Policy and Second Level Domains Policy – minor changes to clause 3.2 to reflect the new .nz structure;
- Transfer to Another Registrar – minor change to clause 3.9 to reflect DRS processes;
- Outline Document – minor changes to definitions and descriptions of policies to reflect the new structure of the .nz domain name space. Specific references to third level names will be broadened to refer more generally to domain names.

You can find more information at <http://dnc.org.nz/final-policies-nz-registrations-second-level>

The Board also approved the enabling of the domain name anyone.nz to facilitate an awareness campaign, however this will not be immediately available.

There will be some alterations to the DNC website as a result of the coming changes to the .nz domain name space.

These changes to the draft policies came about after the Board considered submissions on the final consultation. Submissions closed on Tuesday 11 March 2014 and can be read at http://dnc.org.nz/second_level_proposal_c3

Applications for new Second Level Domains close on 30 April 2014

Following the DNCL Board's approval of the changes to the Second Level Domains policy, all applications for new second levels must be received by 30 April 2014. You can read more about this process at <http://dnc.org.nz/2ld-policy-amendments-approved>

2LD policy approved by DNCL Board

On Friday, March 21 2014 the DNCL Board approved the amended Second Level Domains (2LD) policy.

The amended policy will come into effect on Monday, 28 April 2014. You can find the approved policy at http://dnc.org.nz/content/approved_2ld_21_mar_2014.pdf

You can read more about this process at <http://dnc.org.nz/2ld-policy-amendments-approved>

Registrant contact details

With the coming of registrations at the second level, and associated to the RMC policy, it is in Registrants' best interests to ensure their contact details supplied to the Register are correct and current.

.nz domain names must be registered in the name of an identifiable individual aged 18 and over, or a properly constituted organisation.

Registrars may wish to notify their customers of the importance of keeping their details up to date, and now to check these using the WHOIS tool available on our website.

DNCL appoints a new Office Manager and Manager, Legal Policy

DNCL recently appointed Winnie Cummock as its new Office Manager. Winnie will take over from Janne Booker, who has been acting as Office Manager on a temporary contract.

Also newly appointed in the role of Manager, Legal Policy is Steven Heath. Steven has a long history of involvement in the InternetNZ group and has previously worked in the Government sector in commercial and contract negotiations. Steven will also continue in his role as Project Manager for the second level registration project until it is completed.

DNCL advertises for Dispute Resolution Service Expert

DNCL is currently inviting applications for one Expert position to be retained on a fixed term contract. Further information on the Dispute Resolution Service and this position is available at www.dnc.org.nz/story/information-experts. Candidates should familiarise themselves with this material before applying. Applications are invited by sending your CV and a covering letter. Please send your application to vacancy@dnc.org.nz no later than 4 April 2014

Statistics

In February, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 544,170 to 546,565, a net increase of 2,395. Figures as of 28 February, 2014:

	31 Jan 14	28 Feb 14	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.ac	2,045	2,053	24	357	8
.co	468,858	471,142	8,187	66,524	2,284
.cri	12	12	0	3	0
.geek	1,197	1,204	22	261	7
.gen	1,331	1,336	11	315	5
.govt	1,047	1,046	1	1,021	-1
.health	187	187	0	164	0
.iwi	85	85	0	12	0
.kiwi	6,854	6963	181	470	109
.maori	1,146	1161	24	137	15
.mil	37	37	0	9	0
.net	29,598	29,607	452	4,259	9
.org	28,373	28,312	294	3,754	-61
.parliament	10	10	0	10	0
.school	3,390	3,410	33	1,131	20
TOTAL	544,170	546,565	9,229	78,427	2,395

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	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 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	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.02	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.19	0.14	0.15
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.24	0.18	0.15
Get Message	≤0.5	0.05	0.05	0.05
Whois	≤0.5	0.05	0.05	0.05
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	9,700	10,229	10,356
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1,380	1,249	1,346
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.06	0.07	0.07

Server DNS % Availability

	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 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 February 2014

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

Scheduled Outages during February 2014

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	2 hours
SRS Emergency Scheduled	No scheduled outages
WHOIS Scheduled	2 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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