

Registrations direct at the Second Level – three important things registrants need to know

Most people should be aware that domain names can now be registered directly at .nz – for example, *anyname.nz*. Notice how there's no 'co' in the middle.

What this means is that shorter, more representative .nz names can be registered – in addition to all other existing .nz registration options.

With only four months to go until the end of Preferential Registration Eligibility, here's three important things registrants need to know.

1 – Preferential eligibility for most:

Most existing .nz registrants are able to register or reserve the shorter .nz version of their name before anyone else. To check eligibility, talk to a .nz registrar or visit the Domain Name Commission's anyname.nz website.

2 – Preferential eligibility runs out 30 March 2015

Registrants with preferential registration or reservation rights only have until 30 March 2015 to take action. After that, the shorter .nz version of the name will become generally available for anyone to register. So, it's important to act now.

Registering is done through any .nz registrar. Reserving is done at anyname.nz. As at the end of October, a total of 5,783 shorter .nz names had been reserved, and over 30,000 names registered.

3 – 'Conflicted' names dealt with at anyname.nz

Some .nz domain names are 'conflicted', which means they've been registered in at least two different second levels. For example, one registrant might hold the .co.nz version, while another registrant might hold the .net.nz or .org.nz version.

Registrants whose .nz domain name is conflicted need to go to anyname.nz and lodge a conflict preference. As at the end of October, a total of 1,302 conflicted names had been resolved.

Remember... Existing .nz registrants need to check to see if they are conflicted or eligible for preferential registration or reservation rights, and then decide what action to take. This can be done by talking to any .nz registrar or by going to anyname.nz.

In October, an SRS validation error allowed a small number of names to be incorrectly registered direct at the Second Level. The error was immediately fixed and, after verification with the registrants that the registrations were made in error, they were cancelled.

.nz Dispute Resolution Service holiday closure

The last business day for .nz Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) dispute processing will be Friday 19 December 2014. The next business day will be Monday 5 January 2015.

Statistics

In October, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 567,097 to 588,720, a net increase of 21,623. Figures as of 31 October 2014:

	30 Sep 14	31 Oct 14	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	14,923	34,395	19,735	2,115	19,472
.ac	2,148	2,163	37	332	15
.co	476,818	478,871	7,787	63,006	2,053
.cri	12	12	0	1	0
.geek	1,202	1,194	14	249	-8
.gen	1,310	1,307	9	282	-3
.govt	1,032	1,035	4	1,019	3
.health	195	195	0	183	0
.iwi	86	86	0	11	0
.kiwi	7,346	7,294	114	694	-52
.maori	1,064	1,064	12	112	0
.mil	37	33	1	8	-4
.net	28,947	28,964	399	3,857	17
.org	28,488	28,617	409	3,846	129
.parliament	10	10	0	10	0
.school	3,479	3,480	18	1,001	1
TOTAL	567,097	588,720	28,539	76,726	21,623

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	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
SRS	99.9	100	99.97	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	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.25	0.31	0.29
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.33	0.28	0.22
Get Message	≤0.5	0.12	0.27	0.11
Whois	≤0.5	0.08	0.10	0.09
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	8,895	9,171	9,379
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1,518	1,649	1,855
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.10	0.06	0.10

Server DNS % Availability

	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 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 October 2014

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

Scheduled Outages during October 2014

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

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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