

.nz NEWSLETTER – October 2012

:: Domain Name Commission ::

Changes to Registrar Operation and Control

Recently there have been occasions where the legal structure of authorised Registrars has changed. Registrars are reminded that if there are to be any changes to a their operation, management or control, they should notify DNCL at the earliest opportunity before these changes take effect. DNCL must give consent before .nz authorisation can be transferred to another entity, and we would like any change to progress as smoothly as possible.

Registrars are also reminded they can keep DNCL up to date with any staff changes if these will affect our contact people.

DNCL Second Level Consultation and Submissions

The Domain Name Commission is proposing to extend the .nz domain name space by allowing anybody to register domain names at the 'second level'. This has the potential to significantly alter New Zealand's domain name space so it's important we consider your views.

An update on the proposal is has been published at http://dnc.org.nz/second_level_proposal_c1_update

A consultation on this proposal has recently closed. Submissions received during the consultation period and the consultation paper are published at http://dnc.org.nz/second_level_proposal_c1

Public meetings were held in Dunedin, Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington. In addition an online meeting was held, the video of this is available at www.R2.co.nz/20120905

New Second Level Domain .kiwi.nz

Following the opening of the provisional registration period, 2,116 domain names were registered under the second level .kiwi.nz within the first hour - well over the required threshold of 500 registrations in a month - and 5,121 in the first day, pushing the total number of .nz registrations past 500,000.

Over the month of September a total of 7,163 .kiwi.nz domain names were registered.

Statistics

In September, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 498,077 to 508,547, a net increase of 10,470.

Figures as at 30 September 2012:

	1 September 12	30 September 12	New registrations September	Renewals September	Net Growth
.ac	1,947	1,958	29	318	11
.co	432,398	435,578	8,883	64,776	3,180
.cri	14	14	0	2	0
.geek	1,187	1,202	32	278	15
.gen	1,411	1,413	16	299	2
.govt	1,109	1,112	3	1,077	3
.health	149	149	0	142	0
.iwi	76	77	1	18	1
.kiwi		7,143	7,163	2,462	7,143
.maori	1,112	1,123	27	128	11
.mil	35	35	0	10	0
.net	28,197	28,256	554	4,007	59
.org	27,185	27,219	360	3,949	34
.parliament	9	9	0	9	0
.school	3,248	3,259	28	1,209	11
TOTAL	498,077	508,547	17,096	78,684	10,470

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	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sept 12
SRS	99.90	99.98	100	99.98
Whois	99.90	99.99	100	99.98
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	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sept 12
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.19	0.20	0.20
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.24	0.25	0.23
Get Message	≤0.5	0.05	0.03	0.03
Whois	≤0.5	0.07	0.07	0.07
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	6265	6206	6563
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1051	1123	1041
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.10	0.10	0.11

Server DNS % Availability

	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sep 12
NS1	99.80	100	100
NS2	100	100	100
NS3	100	100	100
NS4	100	99.93	100
NS5	100	100	100
NS6	100	100	100
NS7	100	100	100

Unscheduled Outages during September 2012

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	483 seconds
WHOIS Unscheduled	483 seconds
DNS	0

Scheduled Outages during September 2012

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	2.25 hours
SRS Emergency Scheduled	0
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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