

## 30 March 2017 deadline for 'reserved' names

Following a public consultation run between May and June this year, the Operations and Procedures policy has been amended to clarify that reserved .nz names need to be registered by 30 March 2017.

A 'reserved' name is a domain name direct at the second level that eligible registrants had consciously reserved for their own future registration. The ability to reserve names was a key part of the policy change allowing names directly at .nz.

The option to reserve was offered between September 2014 and March 2015. Exercising the option to reserve gave eligible registrants who weren't sure whether they'd want or need their name direct at .nz time to consider. Now, registrants with a reserved name need to decide whether to go ahead with their registration or not.

The 30 March 2017 deadline for reserved names, now confirmed, gives those registrants approximately seven months from now to register their reserved name. Importantly, if a reserved name isn't registered by 30 March 2017, it will become available for anybody to register - on a first-come, first-served basis.

Later this year, DNCL will provide registrars with relevant communications material around reserved names they can use with their affected customers.

More information about reserved names and this policy amendment can be found at <https://dnc.org.nz/the-commission/news/1116>

## Recent news of note from the industry

### CERT Advisory Board announced

Following a public nomination process, members of the government's CERT Advisory Board have been announced.

The role of the Advisory Board is to provide advice to the Minister and Deputy Chief Executive of MBIE on the establishment and operation of New Zealand's CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team).

The Board members are Michael Wallmannsberger (Chair), Sarah Burke, Jon Duffy, David Eaton, Paul McKittrick, Domain Name Commissioner Debbie Monahan, Kendra Ross, Rick Shera and Adrian van Hest.

The government's CERT Advisory Board announcement can be found at <http://beehive.govt.nz/release/cert-establishment-advisory-board-appointed>

## Entries open for 2016 iSANZ Awards

Information security is an important part of the work of registrars, and registrars may be interested to know that entries have now opened in the second annual iSANZ Awards.

The awards recognise excellence in New Zealand's information security industry, which DNCL supports through its involvement with the NZITF (New Zealand Internet Task Force).

There are four award categories. Entries can be made at <http://isanz.org.nz> - including from any registrar or person / organisation in the local Internet community that has been doing interesting or innovative things in the security space, or has undertaken noteworthy security projects or initiatives over the past year.

## Statistics

In July 2016, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 661,917 to 665,004, a net increase of 3,087. Figures as of 31 July 2016:

	30 Jun 16	31 Jul 16	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	109,282	111,042	2,485	6,839	1,760
.ac.nz	2,279	2,282	23	379	3
.co.nz	483,565	484,979	7,669	63,717	1,414
.cri.nz	7	7	0	1	0
.geek.nz	1,034	1,035	4	233	1
.gen.nz	1,165	1,167	1	291	2

.govt.nz	1,038	1,041	3	786	3
.health.nz	231	232	1	215	1
.iwi.nz	101	102	2	13	1
.kiwi.nz	5,240	5,224	40	498	-16
.maori.nz	937	931	2	102	-6
.mil.nz	30	30	0	7	0
.net.nz	25,521	25,431	237	3,664	-90
.org.nz	27,940	27,955	298	3,853	15
.parliament.nz	11	11	0	5	0
.school.nz	3,536	3,535	11	857	-1
TOTAL	661,917	665,004	10,776	81,460	3,087

Note: these figures do not include names in 'pending release' status. They incorporate all active domain names in the .nz register. For more statistics, see <https://dnc.org.nz/statistics>

## Availability

Availability%	SLA	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16
SRS	99.9	100	100	100
Whois	99.9	100	99.98	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	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.30	0.31	0.35
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.46	0.41	0.42
Get Message	≤0.5	0.16	0.15	0.15
Whois	≤0.5	0.16	0.14	0.13
Whois queries at back end including Registrar	N/A	11,670	11,441	11,368

(volume 000's)				
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	2,614	2,655	2,557
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.19	0.16	0.14

## Server DNS% Availability

	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16
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 July 2016

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

## Scheduled Outages during July 2016\*

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

\* Registrars are reminded to check their systems, if required, after any scheduled outage.

## 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](mailto:support@nzrs.net.nz) or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz)

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