

# Choosing privacy for your .nz domain name



## Use the Individual Registrant Privacy Option

When registering a .nz domain, you must provide some personal information including contact details. This information is then displayed on the registration record for your domain name. This includes your name, address, telephone number and email address. While your name is not publicly searchable through a registration data query, your details can be seen if someone searches your domain name itself.

The Domain Name Commission recognises that privacy online is important, however there is still a need for domain name holders to be accountable as well. The introduction of the Individual Registrant Privacy Option (IRPO) strikes a good balance between the two points.

If you have concerns regarding your online privacy, you may want to consider using IRPO.

## What is IRPO?

IRPO is a privacy option offered in the .nz domain name space. Enabling this option on a .nz domain name withholds the physical contact address and telephone number from display on the registration record. Domain name holders are still required to provide full and accurate contact details in the first instance (including physical address and phone number). This is required to create the authoritative register for .nz domain names. Withheld information is only able to be requested and disclosed under .nz policy, and where permissible under the Privacy Act 1993.

## Am I eligible for IRPO?

As the name suggests, the Individual Registrant Privacy Option is for individuals only (i.e., companies or organisations are not allowed to use it). Additionally, the domain name holder must not be using the domain name in question to any significant extent in trade.

## How do I enable IRPO?

To enable IRPO, you will need to contact your domain name provider. If you don't know who this is, you can check the registration record for your domain name by using the search function on the Domain Name Commission (DNC) website. If you haven't registered your domain name yet, you should check that the provider you're thinking of using offers the service. A full list of registrars authorised by the DNC can be found on the DNC website.

## Need more help?

If you have more questions, or need help adding IRPO to your domain name, you can get in touch with the staff at the DNC contact centre.

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