

## Last chance to submit on .nz WHOIS review

There are only a few days left to make your views known in Stage Two of the .nz WHOIS review, with public submissions closing Friday, 29 January 2016.

The WHOIS is the publicly available search service that lets people find registration information for a .nz domain name. This second stage of the review is posing a number of important 'how' and 'what' questions.

The key question being asked is – *should the current range of data continue to be provided for a WHOIS search on the same basis as it is now?*

Comment is also sought on the information disclosed in response to a WHOIS search, who disclosures should be made to and how information should be provided.

DNCL's review of the .nz WHOIS has been underway since last October. More information (including the full list of Stage Two consultation questions and submissions received to-date) can be found at: <http://dnc.org.nz/whois-review>.

## Importance of securely providing UDAs

Registrars are reminded that a Registrant's UDAI must be securely provided whenever it is asked for.

UDAs should be provided to the email address on the WHOIS record, or by some other means that verifies the recipient is the Registrant (for example, through a customer portal). Please note that UDAs should not be supplied over the phone.

As a Registrar, one way to ensure that UDAs are not incorrectly used or supplied is to prevent them from being displayed to your staff. If Registrars have any questions about UDAs please email [registrar@dnc.org.nz](mailto:registrar@dnc.org.nz).

## Reserved names direct at the second level

Following the conclusion of the registrations direct at the second level project last year, there remain approximately 17,500 names with reserved status.

Registrants with a reserved name have until 1pm, 30 September 2016 to go ahead and register, so Registrars are encouraged to begin reminder campaigns.

The process for registering a name with 'reserved' status is the same as that for a domain transfer. The transfer is a normal domain transfer using SRS DomainUpdate. The UDAI that is provided for the transfer must be the UDAI of the linked third level domain (the name with rights).

Registrars can see which of their Registrants have a reserved name by logging in to the Registrar Portal - <https://registrar.nzrs.net.nz>

## .nz to host APTLD meeting in February

.nz will play host to the 69<sup>th</sup> member's meeting of the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) in Auckland this February.

The meeting is free to attend and will feature a number of TLD-related presentations, workshops and sessions. All Registrars are cordially invited to attend.

The meeting agenda and registration form can be found at <http://aptld.org>.

Also being held in Auckland in February is an international technical conference called APRICOT (the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operating Technologies).

APRICOT is the largest gathering of network operations experts in the Asia Pacific, involving hands-on training, conference sessions, workshops and social functions.

There is a cost for attending APRICOT. More information (including agenda and ticketing) can be found at <https://2016.apricot.net>

## Statistics

In December 2015, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 652,485 to 653,641, a net increase of 1,156. Figures as of 31 December 2015:

	30 Nov 15	31 Dec 15	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	102,401	104,123	1,881	6,038	1,722
.ac.nz	2,247	2,249	22	336	2
.co.nz	479,442	479,190	4,979	54,306	-252
.cri.nz	7	7	0	1	0
.geek.nz	1,077	1,070	3	219	-7
.gen.nz	1,225	1,224	4	289	-1
.govt.nz	1,027	1,027	2	1,025	0
.health.nz	220	220	0	196	0
.iwi.nz	93	92	0	9	-1
.kiwi.nz	5,661	5,598	45	445	-63
.maori.nz	982	981	10	96	-1
.mil.nz	30	30	0	4	0
.net.nz	26,474	26,323	139	3,200	-151
.org.nz	28,062	27,972	207	3,136	-90
.parliament.nz	11	11	0	11	0
.school.nz	3,526	3,524	9	881	-2
TOTAL	652,485	653,641	7,301	70,192	1,156

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	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15
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	SLA	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15

seconds)	Target			
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.03	0.04
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.35	0.32	0.40
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.41	0.36	0.46
Get Message	≤0.5	0.11	0.12	0.11
Whois	≤0.5	0.11	0.14	0.14
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	8,799	8,433	7,452
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	2,134	1,694	1,457
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.11	0.12	0.18

### Server DNS % Availability

	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15
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 December 2015

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

### Scheduled Outages\* during December 2015

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	No scheduled outages

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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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