

Seasons greetings

With Christmas Day less than a week away, DNCL and NZRS wish all readers a safe and festive holiday season.

We're proud to have achieved some significant and meaningful steps for the .nz domain name space this year – notably September's launch of registrations direct at the second level.

This has been one of the biggest changes to ever happen in the .nz space and will remain a focus as the preferential registration eligibility period draws to a close next March.

In addition, we've continued with our everyday work of monitoring a competitive registrar market and ensuring that .nz domain name disputes are dealt with promptly and fairly through the Dispute Resolution Service (DRS).

We want to thank all of you who have been actively involved in the .nz domain space in 2014. We value your efforts and look forward to working with you again in 2015.

Office dates

DNCL and NZRS will only be closed on the Christmas, Boxing Day and New Years public holidays. However, 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.

Reminder for registrants – registrations direct at the second level

Shorter .nz domain names can now be registered direct at the second level – e.g. anyname.nz, as well as under all existing options like '.co.nz' and '.org.nz'.

Existing registrants should by now have heard about this change from their registrar or provider - told the status of their name/s direct at the second level and how to go about registering, reserving or lodging a conflict preference.

Those with preferential registration or reservation rights only have until 30 March 2015 to take action. So, if you're eligible, it's important to check out your options by talking to a .nz registrar or visiting DNCL's anyname.nz website.

Proposed amendment to Roles and Responsibilities Policy regarding .nz resellers. Have your say.

DNCL has proposed an amendment to the Roles and Responsibilities Policy that would see a detailed process put in place for resellers who don't comply with .nz policies.

In addition, DNCL is to develop a standard agreement that registrars will be able to use with their resellers.

Full details can be found at:

<http://dnc.org.nz/story/proposed-amendment-roles-and-responsibilities-policy-re-resellers>

Public submissions are called for and should be received by midday Tuesday 27 January 2015. To have your say, read the proposal then send us your thoughts.

Submissions can be emailed (policies@dnc.org.nz), faxed (+64 4 495 2115) or posted (PO Box 11881, Wellington 6142). All submissions will be published on the DNCL website as received.

Statistics

In November, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 588,720 to 592,682, a net increase of 3,962. Figures as of 30 November 2014:

	31 Oct 14	30 Nov 14	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	34,395	39,718	5,359	1,584	5,323
.ac.nz	2,163	2,166	25	349	3
.co.nz	478,871	478,000	6,105	60,489	-871
.cri.nz	12	12	0	1	0
.geek.nz	1,194	1,187	5	226	-7
.gen.nz	1,307	1,297	4	281	-10
.govt.nz	1,035	1,035	0	1,025	0
.health.nz	195	195	0	183	0
.iwi.nz	86	84	1	13	-2
.kiwi.nz	7,294	7,166	59	579	-128
.maori.nz	1,064	1,059	12	109	-5

.mil.nz	33	33	0	6	0
.net.nz	28,964	28,700	244	3,809	-264
.org.nz	28,617	28,541	339	3,621	-76
.parliament.nz	10	10	0	10	0
.school.nz	3,480	3,479	26	980	-1
TOTAL	588,720	592,682	12,179	73,265	3,962

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	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14
SRS	99.9	99.97	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 seconds)	SLA Target	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.31	0.29	0.27
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.28	0.22	0.35
Get Message	≤0.5	0.27	0.11	0.11
Whois	≤0.5	0.10	0.09	0.11
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	9,171	9,379	8,522
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	1,649	1,855	2,207
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.06	0.10	0.10

Server DNS % Availability

	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 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 November 2014

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

Scheduled Outages during November 2014

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	2 hours
SRS Emergency Scheduled	No scheduled outages
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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