

Conflicted Names Process

All interested parties in the conflicted names process have until the 18th of October 2017 to lodge one of three preferences for domains the parties have interests too.

If you have previously lodged the preference “I don’t think anyone should have it and it should become its own second level domain” also need to lodge a new preference from the three current options. If you want to find out whether you are conflicted or want to lodge a preference you can find more here

<https://www.dnc.org.nz/cnp>

Amendment to the Operations and Procedures (OP) policy – WHOIS Registrant Privacy Option.

DNCL has been consulting on a review of the .nz WHOIS service. Thanks to everyone who provided us with feedback. We wanted to hear your views, and we have listened to the feedback.

This update outlines where the review has ultimately ended up. Through the review, we’ve been working with the local Internet community including many stakeholders and other interested parties. We’ve also run five rounds of consultation to get direct feedback.

In late April our fifth public consultation closed. Comment was sought on proposed new policy wording around WHOIS covering three issues.

1. Introducing a Registrant Privacy Option
2. Defining a process for requesting withheld data
3. Amending the reference to ‘WHOIS’

We received 14 submissions. We were grateful for this ongoing level of engagement.

At its recent meeting, the DNCL Board agreed to the final policy with some minor amendments to the policy consulted on following comments received.

It was acknowledged that NZRS and Registrars would be impacted by the proposal to implement a Registrant Privacy Option for WHOIS. DNCL discussed possible timeframes for implementation with NZRS and with registrars at the recently held Registrar Advisory Group meeting and provided their feedback to the Board. Six months was the minimum timeframe required but some registrars commented that they would require a longer period.

It was agreed that the revised policy around WHOIS would come into effect on 28 November 2017. On this date, NZRS will have the changes implemented in the SRS and registrars will be able to offer individual registrants the privacy option but it will not be mandatory until 28 March 2018 when all registrars will be required to comply with this policy change. During the period between November 2017 and March 2018 DNCL will amend the registrar table on the DNCL website to show which registrars are offering the service.

The DNCL is currently developing detailed guides and FAQs for the current pre-implementation phase and again after implementation.

You can see the changes below; both will be effective on 28 November 2017

Pending Principles and Responsibilities v1.1 <https://dnc.org.nz/node/1508>

Pending Operations and Procedures v2.1 <https://dnc.org.nz/node/1507>

Statistics

In May 2017, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 682,846 to 686,496, a net change of 3,650. Figures as of 13 June 2017:

	30 April 2017	31 May 2017	Creates	Renews	Net Change
.nz	122,396	124,035	2,647	10,511	1,639
.ac.nz	2306	2,304	30	353	-2
.co.nz	493,125	495,201	8,467	63,694	2,076
.cri.nz	7	7	0	1	0
.geek.nz	965	963	4	217	-2
.gen.nz	1,096	1,090	5	273	-6
.govt.nz	1,037	1,044	7	4	7
.health.nz	246	248	2	231	2
.iwi.nz	103	100	1	8	-3
.kiwi.nz	4,732	4,709	31	476	-23

.maori.nz	891	880	4	115	-11
.mil.nz	31	32	1	5	1
.net.nz	24,568	24,504	232	3,841	-64
.org.nz	27,811	27,828	321	3,597	17
.parliament.nz	11	11	0	1	0
.school.nz	3,521	3,540	22	838	19
TOTAL	682,846	686,496	11,774	84,165	3,650

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	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
SRS	99.9	100	100	100
Whois	99.9	99.98	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	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
Domain Details Query	≤0.5	0.02	0.02	0.02
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.27	0.28	0.23
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.28	0.31	0.30
Get Message	≤0.5	0.10	0.12	0.11
Whois	≤0.5	0.11	0.11	0.10
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	3,107	3,189	3,010
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	8,141	13,708	9,840
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.5	0.10	0.11	0.10

Server DNS% Availability

	March 17	April 17	May 17
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 May 2017

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages
WHOIS Unscheduled	16/05/2017 - Eight minutes, micro outages due to load 16/05/2017 - Two Minutes, micro outages due to load
DNS Unscheduled	No unscheduled outages

Scheduled Outages during May 2017*

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 or on 04 931 6970. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz.

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