.nz Monthly Registration Terms

APTLD Meeting

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Key features

- Flexibility of one month to 120 month registration terms
- Default registration term is 1 month
- Billing period defaults back to 1 month after a registration or renewal transaction
- .nz automatically renews at its ‘billed until date’

Key features (2)

- Registrars can actively cancel a domain name or set the billing term to 0 if given notice of cancellation due to non-payment
- Registrars not permitted to set billing term to 0 to avoid the auto-renew feature

Monthly terms in practice

- Some registrars maintain their domain names on a month by month basis, using the auto-renew function
- Registrars pay the monthly domain name fee - $1.50 per domain name per month (+ GST)
- Registrars must put the full term paid for by the registrant on the register

Who uses the monthly term?

- Registrars who are telecommunications companies – charge with the phone bill
- Registrars who offer domain name registration free as part of a hosting arrangement
- Registrars awaiting full payment by cheque
- DNC registrar

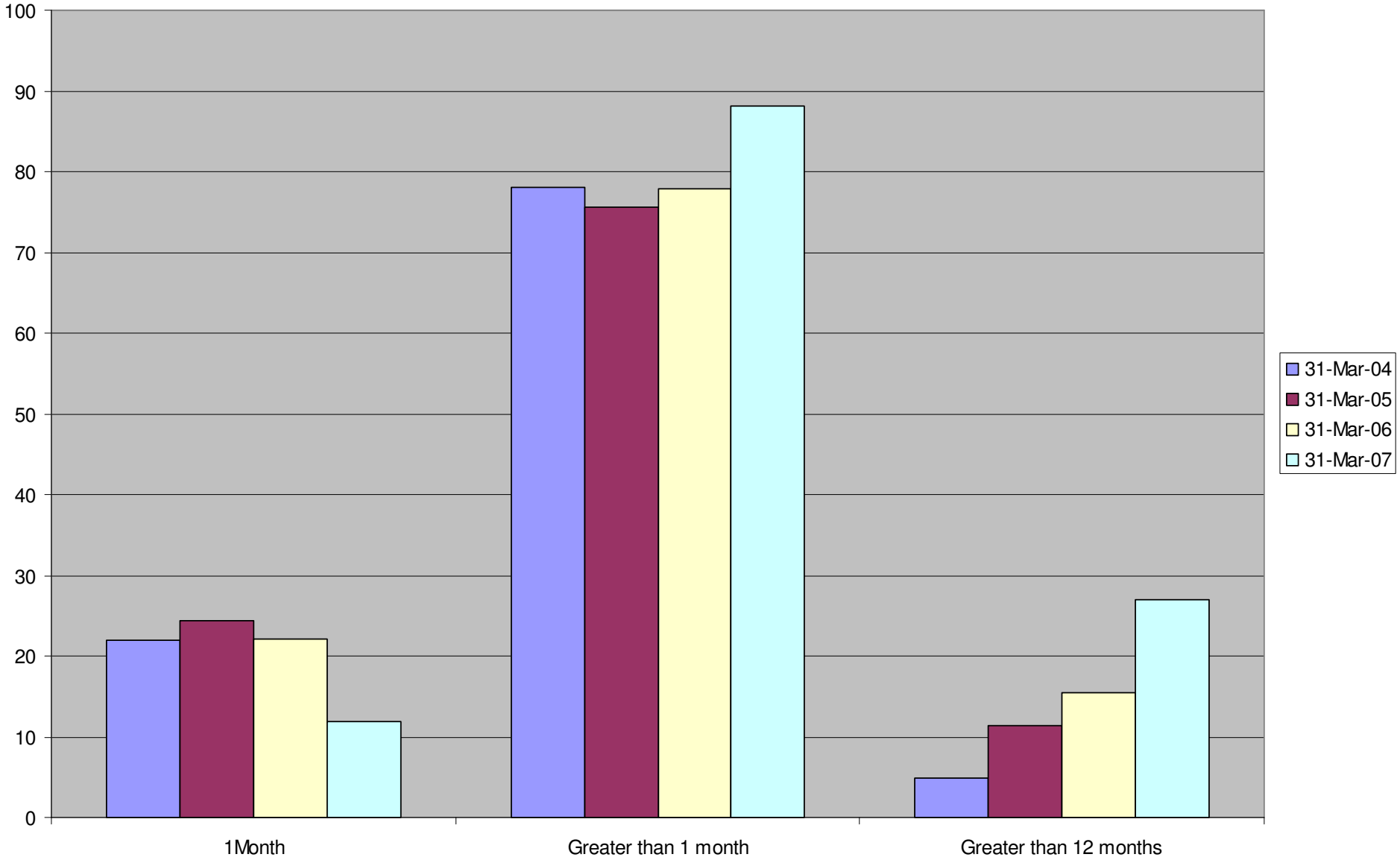
Volume of monthly registrations

- January 08
  - 1,837 out of 7,155 creates
- December 07
  - 1,908 out of 6,797 creates
- November 07
  - 2,989 out of 9,564 creates
- October 07
  - 1,486 out of 8,232 creates

Volume of monthly registrations

- January 08
  - 50,866 out of 65,008 renewals
- December 07
  - 50,504 out of 62,315 renewals
- November 07
  - 50,575 out of 64,810 renewals
- October 07
  - 48,924 out of 63,383 renewals

Terms of .nz domain names (%)



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