An overview of .nz

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Presentation will cover

- Who is responsible for .nz
- How .nz is structured
- The .nz policy framework
- An outline of our registration policies
InternetNZ
Delegation holder

Policy/Regulator

REGISTRY

.nz registry services

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DOMAIN NAME COMMISSION

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Two subsidiary companies report to InternetNZ as shareholder. DNCL Board also reports as .nz manager.

Respond as required to queries

Report against SLA
The .nz Domain Name Space

- No legislation covering the .nz domain name space
- .nz domain name space operates as a Shared Registry System (SRS)
- Authorised registrars have access to the register and full responsibility over their domain names
- The SRS is governed by a series of .nz policies and procedures and formal agreements
- The registry does not operate as a registrar. Registrants deal with registrars, not the registry
All registrars are charged the same monthly fee by the registry - $1.25 per domain name per month (GST excl).

Expectations and performance are managed through agreements:

- Authorisation Agreement
- Service Level Agreement
- Registrant Agreement
- Connection Agreement
Customer Management
Registration Services

Registrant

Registrar

Register

Registry

 Billing

 Disputes with Registrar

DNC

Invoices

XML Transactions

Issue Resolution

Disputes with Registry
.nz policies and procedures

- Authorisation of registrars process
- Connection process
- Change of registrant
- Dispute and complaints process
- Dispute Resolution Service
- Investigations and Inquiries process
- Privacy policy

- Process on de-authorisation of a registrar
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Registering, Managing and Cancelling domain names
- Transfer to another registrar
- WHOIS server policy
- Zone Transfer policy
.nz Registrations

- First come, first served
- No real restrictions on who can register a .nz domain name in the open second level domains (.co.nz, .org.nz, .net.nz, .māori.nz, .geek.nz, .school.nz, .ac.nz, .gen.nz)
- No limit on number of .nz domain names any registrant can have
Key features of the .nz SRS

- Registrant focused
  - Transfer at any time for no cost (except during registration grace period)
  - Registrars must provide the UDAI to allow transfer
  - Full period of registration must be recorded on the register
  - Operates on an automatic renewal function
  - Restrictions on when a domain name can be cancelled
Key features contd

- Registrant focus (contd)
  - 90 day pending release period
  - Registrars required to register domain name in the name of the party requesting the registration and who will be using it
  - Terms and Conditions for registrants must be approved by the DNC and these bind the registrant to .nz policies. Registrants may be sanctioned if they breach these.
  - Prohibits notices to registrants that appear as a renewal notice, or specify particular domain names
Key features contd

- Features also for registrars
  - Flexibility of one month to 120 month registrations
  - Billing period defaults to one month after transaction
  - Five day registration and renewal grace periods
  - Not required to accept transfers in
  - Sanctions can be imposed on registrars who breach .nz policies and procedures
  - Professional liability insurance taken out to cover the market, incorporates all authorised registrars