

Statement

Registry Licence Agreement between auDA and Afilias extended

13 July 2021

The Registry Licence Agreement (the Agreement) between auDA and the .au Registry Operator Afilias Australia Pty Ltd (Afilias) has been extended by two years, to 30 June 2024.

Afilias was appointed the .au Registry Operator in 2017 following a tender process under auDA's Registry Transformation Project. The Agreement took effect on 1 July 2018 for a term of four years, with an option to extend the Agreement for a further two-year term.

auDA has now exercised its right to extend the Agreement. The updated Agreement also includes new terms to strengthen the security and reliability of the .au domain, such as:

- Regular cyber security exercises performed by auDA and Afilias
- Implementation of the ISO 31000 risk management framework
- Additional system integration to support validation of domain name registrants and domain name system (DNS) query logging.

auDA CEO, Rosemary Sinclair AM, said "Extending auDA and Afilias' partnership for a further two years, provides continuity of service for the .au domain industry and Internet users at a time when we know internet users are increasingly relying on .au for community, government and business services.

"auDA and Afilias share high standards for the security and reliability of the .au domain and will continue to work constructively together on the operation of the .au registry."

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Note to media:

Read more about the [Registry Transformation Project](#) on the auDA website.



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About auDA:

.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is a not-for-profit organisation that works with a range of stakeholders including industry, government and the Australian and International community to develop the rules for and administer the .au country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD). The .au ccTLD is a key to part of Australia's digital infrastructure, and auDA is endorsed by the Australian Government, and has an agreement with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), to ensure that the .au domain namespace is a secure, reliable and trusted Australian public asset for all Internet users.