

# auDA Compliance Plan 2024/25

Under auDA's Terms of Endorsement from the Australian Government, auDA must administer a licensing regime for .au domain names, based in multi-stakeholder processes, that is transparent, responsive, accountable, accessible and efficient.

One of the ways in which we meet this core function is to publish an annual Compliance Plan that sets out the compliance activities we undertake to develop, maintain and ensure compliance with the .au Domain Administration Rules: Licensing (.au Licensing Rules).

This Compliance Plan sets out the priorities that will guide our compliance activities from July 2024 to June 2025. These compliance priorities align with our strategic focus on trust, to deliver outcomes that promote and enhance the security and integrity of the .au for the benefit of all Australians.

## **Our Compliance Posture**

We take proportional, considered action, and work with auDA accredited registrars and .au domain name licence holders (registrants) to ensure compliance with the rules of the .au.

Our approach is to:

1. Communicate and educate
2. Guide and facilitate



3. Enforce where breaches are not rectified.

## **Our Compliance Priorities for Jul 2024 to June 2025**

### **1. Commence a multi-stakeholder review of the .au Licensing Rules**

We will appoint an Advisory Panel to undertake extensive public consultation and provide auDA with recommendations for improvements to the .au Licensing Rules.

### **2. Maintain low levels of DNS abuse in .au**

We have been successful in driving down instances of DNS abuse to 0.0002% of .au domain names, well below the global average. We will continue to prioritise and address DNS abuse to maintain the security of the .au.

### **3. Expanded audit program to identify and work with ineligible registrants**

To increase trust and security in the .au we will expand our audit program which identifies domain names that are not compliant with the .au Licensing Rules.

The audit program operates in conjunction with our ongoing work with registrars to ensure domain name information is validated at registration and renewal of domain names. Where non-compliant domain names are identified, we will work with registrants and registrars to



ensure compliance, in accordance with our Compliance Posture.

### **Targeting registration of domain names using stolen credentials**

We will continue to target .au domain names where the credentials for the domain name are used without the permission of the owner. We will employ a variety of methods to identify these domain names, including liaising with government departments and agencies.

### **4. Commence a review of the policy governing contested .au direct domain names**

As part of the multi-stakeholder .au Licensing Rules review, the appointed Advisory Panel will review the .au Domain Administration Rules: .au Direct Priority Implementation, which governs contested .au direct names. The review will look at the ongoing status of contested .au direct domain names.

We will report on outcomes achieved under this Compliance Plan in the auDA 2024-25 Annual Report.