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Policy Title: DOMAIN RENEWAL, EXPIRY AND DELETION POLICY
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1. BACKGROUND

1.1   This document sets out auDA's policy on the renewal, expiry and deletion of domain names in the open 2LDs (asn.au, com.au, id.au, net.au, org.au) and the community geographic 2LDs (act.au, qld.au, nsw.au, nt.au, sa.au, tas.au, vic,au, wa.au).

1.2   This document does not detail the technical steps required to renew or delete a domain name. This information is contained in the registry's technical procedures manual, which is made available to all auDA accredited registrars.

2. DOMAIN NAME GRACE PERIOD

2.1   There is a 3 calendar day grace period during which a new domain name registration can be deleted, or a renewal cancelled, with immediate effect and the registration/renewal fee will be refunded to the registrar.

3. DOMAIN NAME RENEWAL

3.1   The domain name licence period is fixed at 2 years. This means that when a domain name is registered or renewed, it has a fixed expiry date 2 years from the date of registration of renewal. For example, if a domain name is registered or renewed on 1 January 2007, the expiry date is 1 January 2009.

3.2   Domain names may be renewed a maximum of 90 calendar days before the expiry date, and 30 calendar days after the expiry date (see section 4 below).

4. DOMAIN NAME EXPIRY

4.1   The following procedure applies in the case of domain names that are not renewed on or before the expiry date:

    a) domain name is removed from the DNS (ie. no longer works on the Internet);

    b) domain name enters "serverUpdateProhibited" and "serverHold" status for 30 calendar days;

    c) domain name can be renewed during the 30 calendar day period;

    d) after 30 calendar days, domain name is purged from the registry at a random time between 10.30am and 5.00pm AEST (or 11.30am and 6.00pm AEDT) on the next business day.

5. DOMAIN NAME DELETION

5.1   The following procedure applies in the case of domain names that are deleted at the request of the registrant:

    a) domain name is removed from the DNS (ie. no longer works on the Internet);

b) domain name enters "pendingDelete" status for 3 calendar days;

c) domain name can be reactivated on the registrant's instruction during the 3 calendar day period;

d) after 3 calendar days, domain name is purged from the registry at a random time between 10.30am and 5.00pm AEST (or 11.30am and 6.00pm AEDT) on the next business day.

5.2 The following procedure applies in the case of domain names that are deleted for breach of an auDA Published Policy (known as "policy deletes"):

a) domain name is removed from the DNS (ie. no longer works on the Internet);

b) domain name enters "serverTransferProhibited", "serverUpdateProhibited" and "pendingDelete" status for 14 calendar days;

c) domain name can be reactivated on auDA's instruction during the 14 calendar day period;

d) after 14 calendar days, domain name is purged from the registry at a random time between 10.30am and 5.00pm AEST (or 11.30am and 6.00pm AEDT) on the next business day.