



Whois Data Reminder Policy

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- At least annually, a registrar must present to the registrant the current Whois information, and remind the registrant that provision of false Whois information can be grounds for cancellation of their domain name registration. Registrants must review their Whois data, and make any corrections.

Notes

Introduction: The Whois Data Reminder Policy (WDRP) was adopted by ICANN as a consensus policy on 27 March 2003. All ICANN-accredited registrars must comply with the WDRP with respect to registrations they sponsor in all top-level domains for which they are accredited. Details of compliance requirements are provided below.

Process by Which the Policy Was Adopted: The WDRP was established as a consensus policy by ICANN Board [resolution 03.41](#), which was adopted by a [13-1-0 vote by ICANN's Board of Directors on 27 March 2003](#). It was one of [four policies](#) concerning Whois issues that the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, by a [21-3-0 vote on 20 February 2003](#), recommended be established as consensus policies.

The GNSO Council and Board votes were based on the [Final Report of the GNSO Council's Whois Task Force on Whois Data Accuracy and Bulk Access](#). That report documented [the extent of agreement and disagreement among impacted groups](#), the [outreach process](#) used to seek to achieve adequate representation of the views of groups that are likely to be impacted, and the [nature and intensity of reasoned support and opposition to the proposed policy](#).

The report was posted on the ICANN web site on 11 March 2003, with a call for public comment. [Various public comments](#) were received and considered by the Board, and the report was discussed at the [ICANN Public Forum session held in Rio de Janeiro on 26 March 2003](#).

Pursuant to [Resolution 03.42](#), notice of the adoption of this policy was given to all registrars on 16 June 2003.

Time for Coming into Compliance: As provided in subsections [3.7.8](#), [4.1](#) and [4.4](#) of [the ICANN Registrar Accreditation Agreement](#), all ICANN-accredited registrars must come into compliance with the WDRP by their "Compliance Date", as described in the next two sentences. The Compliance Date for registrars accredited before 16 June 2003 is 31 October 2003. The Compliance Date for registrars accredited after 16 June 2003 is the effective date of their accreditation agreements.

Beginning on its Compliance Date, each registrar must provide, before the passage of the anniversary of the creation date of each registration the registrar sponsors, a WDRP Notice (described below) to the registrant for that registration. By way of example, a registrar with a Compliance Date of 31 October 2003 is required to give a

WRDP notice for registrations it sponsors on the following schedule:

Compliance Date is 31 October 2003		
Domain Name	Creation Date	WDRP Notice Required No Later Than
example.com	14 October 1995	14 October 2004 (and by 14 October of every year thereafter)
example.biz	25 June 2003	25 June 2004 (and by 25 June of every year thereafter)
example.info	15 June 2003	15 June 2004 (and by 15 June of every year thereafter)
example.net	12 November 1997	12 November 2003 (and by 12 November of every year thereafter)
example.org	1 January 1993	1 January 2004 (and by 1 January of every year thereafter)
example.example.name	31 December 2002	31 December 2003 (and by 31 December of every year thereafter)

(Note: WDRP Notices for registrations with creation dates of 29 February may be given no later than 1 March in non-leap years.)

What the WDRP Notice Must Include: Each WDRP notice must include a copy of the data elements listed in [RAA subsection 3.3.1](#) as contained in the registrar's database for each registration, plus a statement reminding the registrant that under the terms of the registration agreement [the provision of false Whois information can be grounds for cancellation of a domain name registration](#).

How, and to Whom, the WDRP Notice May Be Presented: The WDRP Notice can be presented via web, fax, postal mail, e-mail, or other appropriate means. It can be presented in one or more languages, including at least the language of the registration agreement. The Notice may be presented to the registrant either directly or through the administrative contact for each registration.

Documentation Requirements: Registrars [must maintain](#) either copies of each WDRP Notice or an electronic database documenting the date and time, and the content, of each WDRP notice sent under this policy. Registrars shall [make these records available for inspection by ICANN](#) in accordance with the usual terms of the Registrar Accreditation Agreement. ICANN will consider proper notification to have been given for a registration if the registrar can show that a WDRP Notice meeting the requirements stated above was given at any time in the year before each anniversary of the registration's creation date (for anniversary dates on or after the Compliance Date).

Model WDRP Notice: In order to assist registrars in preparing the required notice, ICANN has provided the following [Model WDRP Notice](#):

[Sample] **Whois Data Reminder**

Dear Valued Customer,

This message is a reminder to help you keep the contact data associated with your domain registration up-to-date. Our records include the following information:

Domain: example.com
Registrar Name: IANA_RESERVED

Registrant:
Name: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)
Address: 4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330
City: Marina del Rey
State/Province: CA
Country: US
Postal Code: 92092

Administrative Contact:
Name: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)
Address: 4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330
City: Marina del Rey
State/Province: CA
Country: US
Postal Code: 92092
Phone: 310-823-9358
Fax: 310-823-8649
Email: res-dom@iana.org

Technical Contact:
Name: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA)
Address: 4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330
City: Marina del Rey
State/Province: CA
Country: US
Postal Code: 92092
Phone: 310-823-9358
Fax: 310-823-8649
Email: res-dom@iana.org

Original Creation Date: 11/01/2001
Expiration Date: 11/01/2001

Nameserver Information:
Nameserver: a.iana-servers.net.
Nameserver: b.iana-servers.net.
Nameserver: c.iana-servers.net.

If any of the information above is inaccurate, you must correct it by visiting our website. (If your review indicates that all of the information above is accurate, you do not need to take any action.) Please remember that under the terms of your registration agreement, the provision of false Whois information can be grounds for cancellation of your domain name registration.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,
Your ICANN-Accredited Registrar

A set of frequently asked questions concerning the WDRP, from the perspective of the registrant, can be found [here](#).

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