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As part of the implementation of .nz registrations at the second level, the Domain Name Commission is proposing two changes to the current requirements on UDAs.

The first is to extend the function of the UDAI to enable it to be used on the planned anyname.nz website to reserve a name at the second level, or to specify a preference in the case of a conflicted domain name.

The second change is to restrict the automatic generation of a UDAI by the registry to be on the initial registration only. Currently the registry also automatically generates a UDAI when a name is transferred or where there is a change in the registrant name field. UDAs are able to be generated on request at any time and it is preferable, once the name is registered, that the registrant is aware of, and has requested, a new UDAI.

There is an additional change in the function of a UDAI that introduces a time limit on the life cycle of a UDAI. At the moment UDAs do not expire and with the plan to use UDAs to verify domain names as part of the second level registration process, it would be good to ensure that all registrants had valid UDAs. It is therefore proposed that UDAs will expire after 30 days which is a new functionality. This is a functional change only as current policies do not explicitly state how long a UDAI is valid for.

It is not anticipated these changes will have any negative impact on registrants as UDAs are able to be generated at any time on request and registrars are set up to manage such requests.

The proposed changes impact two different policies – the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Policy and the Transfer to Another Registrar Policy. The clauses that will be amended, and the proposed change, are as follows:

Registering, Managing and Cancelling (RMC)

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
12.3 Neither NZRS, nor the DNC, know the UDAs for domain names. Consequently, if the records of one are lost by both registrar and registrant, a new UDAI will need to be generated. A new UDAI is also generated whenever the registrant has transferred to a new registrar, and when there has been a change in the registrants name.	12.3 Neither NZRS, nor the DNC, know the UDAs for domain names.
12.5 Registrars are required to pass on the UDAI to registrants whenever a new UDAI is generated, for example, on registration and transfer. This applies from when a registrar first connects to the SRS.	12.5 Registrars are required to pass on the UDAI to registrants whenever a new UDAI is generated. This applies from when a registrar first connects to the SRS.

Transfer to Another Registrar (TAR)

Current Wording	Proposed Wording
3.5 If a statement is sent with the UDAI it should contain the following wording: "The Unique Domain Authentication Identification (UDAI) is required to enable a transfer of your domain name from one registrar to another. If you are asked to provide the UDAI for anything other than this you should query this request".	3.5 If a statement is sent with the UDAI it should contain the following wording: "The Unique Domain Authentication Identification (UDAI) is required to enable a transfer of your domain name from one registrar to another. If you are asked to provide the UDAI for anything other than this you should query this request". With the introduction of .nz registrations at the second level some registrants will require the UDAI as

	part of their Preferential Registration Eligibility.
4.6 NZRS will forward a new UDAI for each transferring domain name, to the gaining registrar. The gaining registrar will supply the registrant with these details.	Delete.

This consultation closed 5pm, Friday, 18 July 2014. All submissions are published below.

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