



# WHOIS/RDDS ACCESS POLICY

**1.0 Title:** WHOIS/RDDS Access Policy  
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## 2.0 Summary

This document outlines how the Registry Operator complies with the WHOIS/RDDS contractual obligations set forth in its Registry Agreement and the contractual limitations on all third parties that use this service.

## 3.0 Access to WHOIS/RDDS Data

Registry Operator is required to collect and provide domain name registration information (“Registry Records”) for a variety of purposes. Registry Operator through its Registry Service Provider enables access to Registry Records through a standard text-based network protocol on port 43 and as a standard web-based interface at webwhois.nic.<TLD>, and requests can be made through an RDDS service via the Registrar URL (collectively, the WHOIS/RDDS service). The WHOIS/RDDS service is publicly available at no cost to the user and is reachable worldwide.

## 4.0 Terms of Use

By accessing Registry Records made available by the WHOIS/RDDS service, you agree that you will use the data only for lawful purposes.

4.1 Under no circumstance shall the data or the systems of Registry Operator, Registrar, or Registry Service Provider be used to:

- 4.1.1 Allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission of mass unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations via, email, telephone, or facsimile; or
- 4.1.2 Enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of Registry Operator, Registry Service Provider, or Registrar except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.

4.2 The compilation, repackaging, disseminations, or other use of the Registry Records is expressly prohibited without the prior consent of Registry Operator.

4.3 Registry Operator reserves the right to restrict third party access to Registry Records through these public resources in its sole discretion to ensure operational stability.

4.4 Registry Operator may restrict or block access to Registry Records for failure to abide by the Terms of Use.

## **5.0 Disclaimer**

5.1 Registry Operator provides the public Registry Records for informational purposes only and does not guarantee its accuracy.

5.2 The expiration data displayed in this record is the date the Registrar's sponsorship of the domain name registration in <.TLD> is currently set to expire. This date does not necessarily reflect the expiration date of the domain name Registrant's Registration Agreement with the sponsoring Registrar. Users may consult the sponsoring Registrar's WHOIS/RDDS data to view the Registrar's reported date of expiration for a specific domain name.

## **6.0 Amendment**

Registry Operator reserves the right to modify this Policy at its sole discretion in accordance with its rights and obligations set forth in its Registry Agreement.