

# Management of the .nz domain name space

# The .nz Domain Name Space

No legislation covering the .nz domain name space

.nz domain name space operates as a Shared Registry System (SRS)

Authorised registrars have access to the register and full responsibility over their domain names

The SRS is governed by a series of .nz policies and procedures and formal agreements



## Who looks after .nz

InternetNZ – delegated responsibility for .nz

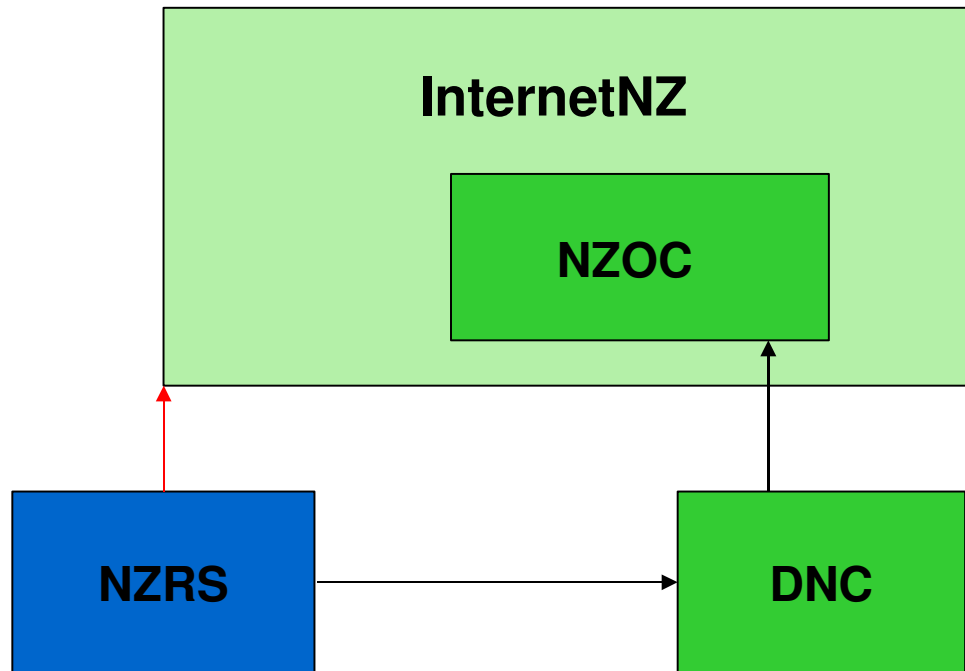
.nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) – sub-committee of InternetNZ with oversight of .nz operation

Office of the Domain Name Commissioner (DNC) – an operational office of InternetNZ

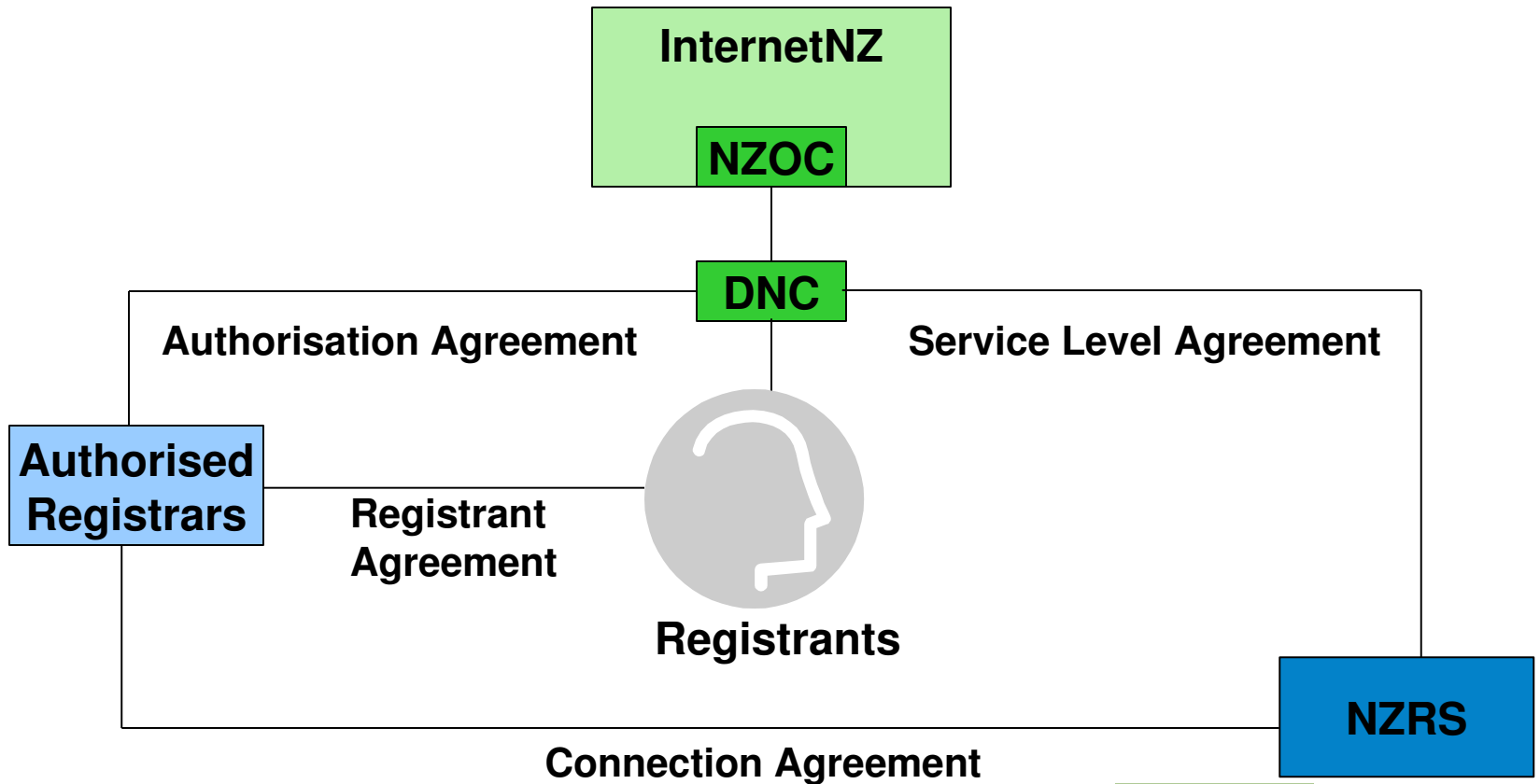
NZRS – Subsidiary company of InternetNZ responsible for operating the .nz register



# How they fit together.....



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## NZOC

Responsibilities include:

- Delegated responsibility by InternetNZ Council to have formal oversight of .nz

- Approve budget of DNC (funded by management fee charged to NZRS)

- Set .nz policy and procedures

- Manage the performance of the DNC

- Overall responsibility for compliance of registrars, enforcing serious sanctions and ensuring SLA with NZRS met

## Office of the DNC

Responsibilities include:

Authorising registrars

Monitoring compliance with .nz policies and procedures

Developing policies and procedures under the oversight of NZOC

## DNC responsibilities contd

Handling complaints that arise in the operation of the .nz market

Protecting the rights and relationships of all parties in the .nz market

Monitoring the performance of NZRS against the Service Level Agreement (SLA)

Convening a Registrar Advisory Group



## Key features of the .nz SRS

### Registrant focused

- Transfer at any time for no cost (except during registration grace period)
- Registrars must provide the UDAI to allow transfer
- Full period of registration must be recorded on the register
- Operates on an automatic renewal function
- Restrictions on when a domain name can be cancelled

## Key features contd

### Registrant focus (contd)

- 90 day pending release period
- Registrars required to register domain name in the name of the party requesting the registration and who will be using it
- Terms and Conditions for registrants must be approved by the DNC
- Prohibits notices to registrants that appear as a renewal notice, or specify particular domain names

## Key features contd

### Features also for registrars

- Flexibility of one month to 120 month registrations
- Billing period defaults to one month after transaction
- Five day registration and renewal grace periods
- Not required to accept transfers
- Sanctions can be imposed on registrars who breach .nz policies and procedures
- Professional liability insurance taken out to cover the market, incorporates all authorised registrars

## Registrars

A list of authorised registrars can be seen at  
<http://www.dnc.org.nz/story/30056-27-1.html>

Authorised registrars can display the official  
logo



## SLA with NZRS

Includes performance standards

99.9% system availability

Response times for key transactions

Response times for responding to faults, queries, requests

Reporting requirements

Reported against monthly by NZRS to the DNC

Issues escalated to NZOC by DNC if required

[www.dnc.org.nz](http://www.dnc.org.nz)