ICANN Specific Reviews - Second Registration Directory Service Review (RDS-WHOIS2)
Recommendation CC.2 - Implementation Documentation

RDS-WHOIS2 Final Report
https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/resolutions-board-action-rds-whois2-final-recs-25feb20-en.pdf

Board resolution on RDS-WHOIS2 Final Report
https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2020-02-25-en#1.a

- Recommendation submitted: September 2019
- Recommendation approved: February 2020
- Implementation completed: February 2024

See https://community.icann.org/display/WHO/Implementation for more information on RDS-WHOIS 2 implementation.

RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation CC.2

The ICANN Board should initiate action intended to ensure that all gTLD domain name registration directory entries contain at least one full set of either registrant or admin contact details comparable to those required for new registrations under the 2013 RAA (or any subsequent version thereof) or applicable policies.

Board Action on CC.2

The Board approves this recommendation, noting the clarification received from RDS-WHOIS2 Implementation Shepherds in the 29 January 2020 discussion with the RDS Board Caucus Group.

Final Implementation Report

The Registration Data Policy for gTLDs, which was recently published on 21 February 2024, includes the requirement for all gTLD domain name registration directory entries to have a complete set of registrant contact details.

The Registration Data Policy is a result of implementation work by the community-based Implementation Review Team (IRT) and ICANN org staff and reflects the ICANN Board-adopted Recommendations from the Generic Names Support Organization (GNSO).

Rationale

This Registration Data Policy is a ICANN Consensus Policy that describes requirements for the collection, transfer, and publication of gTLD registration data, specifically the registrant contact details. The policy also permits Registrars to delete administrative contact details collected before the effective date of the Registration Data Policy.

The Registration Data Consensus Policy is effective on 21 August 2025. Beginning on 21 August 2024 through 20 August 2025, registrars and registry operators may implement

measures consistent with Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data or the Registration Data Policy in its entirety, or elements of both, as they prepare for the effective date of the Registration Data Policy.

Through the release of the [Registration Data Policy for gTLDs](#), the RDS-WHOIS2 CC.2 is considered implemented.

Timeline

Expected implementation date: 15 August 2023
Final implementation date: 21 February 2024

Milestones

- 19 May 2019: Board [adoption](#) of EPDP Phase 1 recommendations on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data
- 19 May 2019: Launch of EPDP Phase 1 Implementation Review Team
- 24 August 2022: Publication of Registration Data Consensus Policy for gTLDs for Public comment
- 21 February 2024: Publication of finalized Registration Data Policy for gTLDs