Clarifying ZA SLD Policies

Towards clearly chartered SLDs

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.ZA sub-domains

Active domains

- Ac.za*
- Co.za
- Edu.za*
- Gov.za*
- Law.za
- Mil.za*
- Nom.za
- Org.za?
- School.za*

Dormant domains

- Alt.za
- Net.za*
- Ngo.za
- Tm.za?
- Web.za*

Private domains

- Agric.za
- Grondar.za
- Nis.za

* Closed, moderated domains

* To re-open for new registrations

? Disputed

Moderated SLDs

- Ac.za
- Edu.za
- Gov.za
- Law.za
- Mil.za
- Ngo.za
- Nom.za
- School.za

Ac.za

- Eligibility: Higher education and research institutions and related organisation

- Administrator & operator: TENET

- Moderator: TENET

- Registrar/s: TENET

- Registration fee: Free

Edu.za

- Eligibility: Formally registered further education and training institutions

- Administrator & operator: Educor

- Moderator: Educor

- Registrar/s: Educor

- Registration fee: Free

Gov.za

- Eligibility: Government departments & organisations

- Administrator & operator: SITA

- Moderator: SITA

- Registrar/s: SITA

- Registration fee: Free

Law.za

- Eligibility: Practising Firms of Attorneys in good standing with Law Societies

- Administrator   Cape Law Society

- Operator: V-Office

- Moderator: V-Office/Cape Law Society

- Registrar/s: V-Office

- Registration fee: R300 + R100 annual fee

Mil.za

- Eligibility: Divisions or sections within Department of Defence

- Administrator & DoD
  operator:

- Moderator: DoD

- Registrar/s: DoD

- Registration fee: Free

Ngo.za

- Eligibility: NGOs?

- Administrator & operator: SANGONET?

- Moderator: ???

- Registrar/s: ???

- Registration fee: ???

Ngo.za was allocated but did not come into operation

Nom.za

- Eligibility: Natural persons only

- Administrator & operator: Mike Jensen

- Moderator: Mike Jensen

- Registrar/s: Mike Jensen

- Registration fee: Free

School.za

- Eligibility: SA primary & secondary schools

- Administrator & operator: SchoolNet SA

- Moderator: SchoolNet

- Registrar/s: SchoolNet

- Registration fee: Free

Un-moderated SLDs

- Alt.za

- Co.za

- Web.za

Alt.za (dormant)

- Administrator & operator: Alan Barret

- Registrar/s: Alan Barret

- Registration fee: Unknown

Co.za

- Administrator & operator: UniForum SA

- Registrar/s: Multiple registrars

- Registration fee: R43 (legacy); R35 EPP

Co.za is the only decisively open, un-moderated SLD in ZA

Web.za (dormant)

- Administrator & operator: ZADNA (interim)

- Registrar/s: None

- Registration fee: Unknown

Org.za

- Administrator & operator: Internet Solutions

- Moderator???: Internet Solutions

- Registrar/s: Multiple

- Registration fee: Free for applicants proving non-profit status; R200 if unproven

Operator wants it moderated; historical evidence shows no intention/commitment to have org.za as a moderated SLD

Net.za (dormant)

- Eligibility: Network infrastructure providers

- Administrator & operator: ZADNA (interim)

- Moderator: N/A

- Registrar/s: N/A

- Registration fee: N/A

Net.za draft charter shows intention to have the SLD as moderated, but the charter was never approved

Let's compare with .UK

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- Ac.uk: for academic establishments
- co.uk: for commercial enterprises
- gov.uk: for government bodies
- me.uk: for personal domains
- org.uk: for non-commercial organisations
- ltd.uk: for registered company names only
- plc.uk: for registered company names only
- net.uk: for Internet Service Providers
- sch.uk: for schools

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Let's compare with .AU

- **com.au:** for commercial entities

- **net.au:** for commercial entities

- **org.au:** for charities and non-profit organisations

- **gov.au:** for government bodies

- **edu.au:** for registered educational institutions

Let's compare with .NZ

- **ac.za:** un-moderated (???)

- **co.nz:** un-moderated

- **net.nz:** un-moderated

- **org.nz:** un-moderated

- **school.nz:** un-moderated

Let's compare with .KE

- **ac.ke:** academic institutions (moderated)

- **co.ke:** companies (moderated)

- **ne.ke:** network devices (un-moderated)

- **org.nz:** NPOs & NGOs (un-moderated)

- **mobi.ke:** mobile content (un-moderated)

- **me.ke:** personal names (un-moderated)

Let's compare with gTLDs

- **.com:**   un-moderated

- **.gov:**   moderated (for US govts)

- **org.nz:**   un-moderated

- **net.nz:**   un-moderated

- **.travel:**   defined community, but un-moderated

- **.web:**   new gTLD, un-moderated

So, what are the issues?

- Limited or no documentary evidence proving moderation or no moderation of several SLDs
  - ZADNA has to rely on inherited practice

- Currently, only co.za is an active, un-moderated SLD
  - Does this limit consumer choice?

- Most SLDs do not have documented policies and procedures

- Should you introduce new SLDs? Why?

So, what are the issues?

Net.za – to re-open for new registrations?

- Should it be moderated or un-moderated?
- Can you define "network infrastructure operator"?
- Will you require network providers registered in co.za to migrate to net.za?
- Should we follow .net gTLD?

Org.za

- Moderation vs no moderation
- Does it continue as a virtually free domain?
- Should we follow .org gTLD?

So, what are the issues?

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Free vs paid domains

- Should we have free domains? Why or why not?

- What should be the criteria?

- How do you pay for maintaining a free SLD?

ZADNA wants to resolve these issues soon & will consult before making final decisions

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Thank you☺