

Charter for AC.ZA

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PREAMBLE

The ZA Second Level Domain General Policy is the overarching policy of the .ZA namespace and takes precedence over all existing and future policies of ZADNA and the SLDs. Therefore, in the event where this charter is found to be in conflict with the General Policy, the General Policy will take precedence.

1. NAME OF SECOND LEVEL DOMAIN

AC.ZA

2. INTENTION

AC.ZA is a moderated domain intended for use by higher education institutions, learned societies and associated research and support institutions that are domiciled in the Republic of South Africa.

3. CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

3.1 Eligibility for registration

Institutions that satisfy the Eligibility Criteria spelt out below are eligible to register a domain name in ac.za namespace.

3.1.1 Juristic person:

The Institution is a juristic person domiciled in the Republic of South Africa;

3.1.2 Primary purpose:

The Institution is a Higher Education Institution that:

- 3.1.2.1 Is established, deemed to have been established or declared as a public higher education institution in terms of the Higher Education Act (no. 101 of 1997), as amended; or
- 3.1.2.2 Is registered as a private higher education institution in terms of the Higher Education Act (no. 101 of 1997), as amended; or
- 3.1.2.3 While it is not a Higher Education institution, at least one of the following conditions applies to it:
 - 3.1.2.3.1 Conducts scholarly research and places a reasonable proportion of the results in the public domain, as a primary purpose or core activity; or
 - 3.1.2.3.2 Provides direct, specialised support for higher education and/or scholarly research, as a primary purpose or core activity; or
 - 3.1.2.3.3 Is a national association, regional association or consortium of institutions, each of which meets at least one of the four criteria above; or
 - 3.1.2.3.4 Is a learned society.
- 3.1.3 The administrator may require applicants to submit certified copies of the Institution's Certificate of Registration, Articles of Association, Constitution or other documentation of the Organisation's status and/or purpose.
- 3.1.4 By applying to register an AC.ZA name, a Registrant undertakes that he/she complies with these eligibility requirements.
- 3.1.5 Should a Registrant be found not to be complying with these eligibility requirements, ZADNA reserves the right to revoke the registration of the Registrant's domain name.

3.2 No limit to the number of registrations

There is no limit to the number of AC.ZA names that a Registrant may register. However, the Administrator will not normally approve more than one domain name to represent an entity.

Because AC.ZA is a moderated domain, the names in this space are not necessarily available for registration on a first-come, first served basis. Registration is up to the moderator's discretion after being satisfied by the documents submitted that the application meets the eligibility requirements.

4. HISTORICAL REGISTRATIONS

Historical registrations are those domain names already registered in AC.ZA prior to this Charter coming into effect. Historical AC.ZA registrations are not required to meet the above eligibility requirements, but are required to meet the eligibility and usage requirements that were in force at the time of such registration.

5. SLD MODERATOR

Tertiary Education and Research Network of South Africa (TENET) is the Registry Operator for AC.ZA and also acts as the moderator. Domain name applications may be submitted directly to the Registry Operator with or without the use of accredited registrars.

6. PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

By registering a name under AC.ZA, the Registrant warrants compliance with section 1.5 of the .ZA Second Level Domain General Policy.

7. REGISTRY SERVICE

TENET performs the Registry function for AC.ZA SLD, which includes inter alia, name servers and zone file maintenance, provision of Whois services, responsibility for ensuring security

and stability of the Registry infrastructure, and provision of associated services to accredited Registrars.

8. DOMAIN NAME FEES

The Registry Operator does not charge registration and renewal fees. Notwithstanding ZADNA approves domain name fees for all the ZA second level domains (SLDs), and may, in future, require such fees to be paid for AC.ZA registrations and renewals.

9. AC.ZA POLICY

In addition to registration requirements stated in this Charter, Registrants and Registrars shall comply with:

9.1. Specific policies that ZADNA may apply specifically to AC.ZA; and

9.2. Supplemental, operational policies of the AC.ZA registry.

10. AC.ZA DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The .ZA Second Level Domain General Policy exempts AC.ZA, as a moderated SLD, from the application of .ZA ADR Regulations (as promulgated by the Minister of Communications in terms of section 69 of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002), in the resolution of its domain name disputes.

However, the SLD administrator or Registry Operator may elect to have domain name disputes in the SLD resolved through the ADR Regulations and impose the application of the Regulations as a term of registration. Parties involved in a dispute may also consent between themselves to have the ADR Regulations apply to their dispute.
