

# .SCHOOL.ZA RESERVED NAME POLICY

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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This document describes the Reserved Names Policy for the .school.za Registry. The purpose of this policy is to prevent geographical names and any related Local and/or National names are not abusively registered.
- 1.2 These policies may be changed and updated from time-to-time based on evolving needs and requirements from the E School Network (ESN) and ZA Domain Name Authority ZADNA) as well as from the .school.za community.
- 1.3 The Registry reserved names are managed in three categories:
  - 1.3.1 Government RNL
  - 1.3.2 Registry Operator RNL and
  - 1.3.3 Regulator RNL
- 1.4 Reserved names are not intended to be prohibited names, and may be activated by corresponding and appropriate entities based on relevant policies. The list of reserved names may also be updated from time to time.

## 2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Reserved Names policy of the school.za Second-Level Domain (SLD), developed based on three general areas of consideration:
  - 2.1.1 Existing school.za fourth-level registrations
  - 2.1.2 Governmental and public policy interests
  - 2.1.3 Promotion and development of the .school.za SLD
- 2.2 While the Sunrise process provides for the introduction of the .school.za SLD in an orderly way which takes into consideration reasonable protection and priority for relevant prior rights, the reserved Names Policy is designed to further deter abusive registrations and to create a stable and effective launch, which promotes adoption and usage.

### 3. Terms and Definitions

**“Domain Name”** means a Domain Name of the Domain Name system.

**"General Availability"** means the normal operations of school.za SLD when it will be opened for general domain name registrations on a first-come first-served basis. This will occur after Sunrise and RNL Phase

**"Charter Eligibility Requirements"** means the basis requirements to qualify as a domain name Registrant for the .school.za Registry. A separate document, School.za Charter, provides further details on the subject.

**"School.za community"** means community defined based on the eligibility criteria as detailed in the school.za Charter.

**“Registrar”** means an entity that is authorised by ZADNA in terms the Act or that is accredited by a Registry to register Domain Names and update Registry Data on behalf of Registrants in an SLD.

**"Registry Operator or ESN"** means E-School Network, the entity authorised by ZADNA to manage and administer school.za SLD, including the provision of primary and secondary name servers and WHOIS services.

**"Reserved Name List"** means the list of domain names to be reserved from the availability for general registrations and to be allocated based on appropriate processes described on this policy.

**“Reservation Period”** means the period after the Launch date for which the Reserved Name will be listed in the RNL.

**“Reserved Name”** means a name that has been inserted into the Reserved Name List.

**“RNL”** means the Reserved Name List, being the list of names reserved in terms of this policy.

**"SLD"** means a Second-level Domain of the domain name system.

**“School.za Charter”** as a noun means the 'constitution' of a Second Level Domain, specifying, inter alia, the purpose and nature of the Second Level Domain, the criteria for registration of domain names within the Second Level Domain, and the manner of administration of the Second Level Domain; as a verb means the establishment of a Charter for a Second Level Domain, which process is completed upon approval of the Charter by ZADNA.

**"School.za or Registry"** means the school.za SLD Registry operated by ESN.

**"Sunrise Application"** means an application made during the Sunrise Period by an Applicant whose domain name exists in the school.za fourth-level registrations.

**"Sunrise Period"** Means registrant of the fourth level domain name/s, is the only eligible candidate to secure a name in the third level domain, name corresponding (if not the same) with their fourth level.

**"Whois"** means the protocol used to provide a public information service in relation to the Registry Data.

**"ZADNA"** means the .ZA Domain Name Authority.

#### 4. Scope and Documentation

4.1 This document describes the framework of reserved names for the .school.za SLD. Specific names to be reserved are not generally included in this document and may be changed from time to time. Section 1 explains the Government reserved names, section 2 explains the Registry reserved names, and section 4 explains the Regulator RNL.

#### 5. Government Reserved Names

5.1 Names in this list are exclusively reserved and can only be activated by the corresponding government, public body or appropriate parties with the acknowledgement of the corresponding Governmental Acknowledgement Reference. Should the name lapse or be deleted after it is activated, it will be re-entered into the Reserved Names List and will not be generally available to registrants. Non-activated names will continue to be reserved.

5.2 Government reserved names list for school.za SLD contains Geographical Names and any name related to Local or National government are reserved for government.

#### 6. Registry Operator Reserved Names

6.1 Names in this list are exclusively reserved for technical purposes and for Registry Operator's internal usage. Example of Registry Operator Reserved names are, whois.school.za, dns.school.za, school.school.za

## 7. Regulator Reserved Names

7.1 Name in this list are considered to be potentially offensive or derogatory names, and any other names for internal usage purposes.

## 8. Submission and Activation of Reserved Names

8.1 ESN will randomly choose and reserve names that are deemed to be in the reserved list with the help from ZADNA.

8.2 A list of these Reserved names will be kept and maintained by Registry Operator (ESN) and can be obtained from the Registry internal database.

8.3 Government departments, Registry Operator and ZADNA can also add the names they considered as reserved into the RNL list.

## 9. Activation of Reserved Names

9.1 Activations of reserved names will generally be provisioned via ESN recognised Registrars. These include Governmental Reserved Names and fourth-level .school.za domains names. Domain names that are allocated for operational purposes will be locked at the Registry and will not be available on the WHOIS lookup.

9.2 The process for activating Governmental Reserved Names is described in more detail in the Sunrise Policies document. Governmental Reserved Names will continue beyond the Sunrise Phase.

9.3 Documentary evidences and other supplementary information may be requested via email or other forms of communication media where appropriate.

## 10. Miscellaneous

### 10.1 Modifications and Enforceability

10.1.1 The Registry Operator may issue interpretive guidelines on its website or to prospective applicants for reserved names regarding the provisions of these Reserved Names policies.

- 10.1.2 The Registry may modify these Reserved Names policies from time to time, which modifications will take effect at the time they are announced on the Registry's website.
- 10.1.3 If any part of these Reserved Names Policies is declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of these Sunrise policies shall remain valid and enforceable as if the invalid or unenforceable part were not included herein.

## 10.2 Limitation of Liability by Registry

- 10.2.1 To the extent allowed under mandatory law, ESN Registry shall only be liable where the Registry's willful misconduct is proven.
- 10.2.2 In no event shall the School.za Registry Operator be held liable for any indirect, consequential or incidental damages or loss of profits, whether contractual, based on tort (including negligence) or otherwise arising, resulting from or related to the reservation or registration or use of a domain name or to the use of its software or website, even if it has been advised of the possibility of such loss or damages, including but not limited to decisions taken by the Registry to reserve or not to reserve or activate (register) or not to activate (register) a domain name on the basis of the findings of the Governmental Acknowledgement Reference(s), or other points of authorities, as well as the consequences of those decisions.