

Policy No. 3

Whois and Data Protection Policy for <.zuerich>

1. General

This Policy is effective for all <.zuerich> domain names pursuant to the relevant terms of the Registry-Registrar Agreement and the domain name registration agreement, as amended from time to time.

The Canton of Zurich is committed to and intends for users to perceive the <.zuerich> TLD as an integrated, unique and trustworthy location for their Zurich-related questions, searches, and transactions. Internet user trust and confidence is greatly enhanced when said users know they are interacting with the businesses, public entities, organizations and offices of their choice in a safe, confidential online platform where their private or personal information is securely protected.

A key component in the operation of the <.zuerich> registry system is the creation and maintenance of accurate Whois records. The Whois records for this TLD will constitute a «thick» Whois, combining all applicable data and information for domain name registrants, which may also include personal information (hereinafter «Registrant Information» or «Whois Information») in a central location. Registrant Information will be collected, stored, and used in accordance with this Whois and Data Protection Policy, other ICANN policies and applicable law.

2. Registrant Information

By registering a <.zuerich> domain name, the registrant agrees to supply accurate and complete Registrant Information and immediately update or correct such information as needed in accordance with this Whois and Data Protection Policy and ICANN requirements. Such Registrant Information includes:

- the registrant's name/organization, physical address, email, phone number, and fax number details if available;
- the name/organization, physical address, email, phone number, and fax number details if available for the admin contact;
- the name/organization, physical address, email, phone number, and fax number details if available for the technical contact;
- the name/organization, physical address, email, phone number, and fax number details if available for the billing contact.

3. Privacy or Proxy Services, Record Accuracy

In accordance with the Canton of Zurich's commitment to enhancing Internet user trust and confidence, the Canton of Zurich requires that Registrant Information accurately reflect the entity, which is responsible for the domain name registration. Therefore, registrants of <.zuerich> domain names are not permitted to utilize privacy or proxy registration services, or provide materially false details in relation to their Registrant Information.

4. Use of Registrant Information

Registrant Information will be collected, stored, and used in accordance with applicable policies and law, including this Whois and Data Protection Policy. In particular, the Registrant Information may be processed and distributed by the Canton of Zurich in conjunction with the registrar, dispute resolution service providers or courts, escrow agents, or ICANN, in order to comply with ICANN requirements and as reasonably necessary for the operation of the TLD.

Certain Registrant Information will furthermore be made publicly available through the Whois service. Data is published in accordance with the specific ICANN Rules.

The Canton of Zurich shall notify authorized registrars of the purposes for which Registrant Information is collected, the intended recipients (or categories of recipients) of such Registrant Information, and the mechanism for access to and correction of such Registrant Information.

The Canton of Zurich shall take reasonable steps to protect Registrant Information from loss, misuse, unauthorized disclosure, alteration or destruction. The Canton of Zurich shall not use or authorize the use of Registrant Information in a way that is incompatible with the notice provided to registrars. The Canton of Zurich may from time to time use the demographic data collected for statistical analysis, provided that this analysis will not disclose individual Registrant Information and provided that such use is compatible with the notice provided to registrars regarding the purpose and procedures for such use.

5. Inaccurate or Incomplete Registrant Information

The Canton of Zurich expressly reserves the right to audit any domain name registration application or record on its own initiative or in conjunction with a complaint or investigation for compliance with this Whois and Data Protection Policy or other applicable ICANN policies. The Canton of Zurich may deny any domain name registration application or cancel or suspend any domain name registration within the space should a registrant fail to provide accurate or complete Registrant Information.

At all times, ICANN's Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form will be available to anyone wishing to file a complaint regarding the accuracy or sufficiency of Whois records within this TLD.