

Domain Name Registry System and DNS Zone Files Access Policy

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Purpose

This Policy describes the availability of and access to the Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System the DNS Zone Files.

1. Access to DNS Zone Files and Domain Name Registry System

- 1.1. The Qatar Domains Registry manages the operation of the DNS Zone Files and the Domain Name Registry System for the State of Qatar.
- 1.2. Due to the importance of the data held within the DNS Zone Files and Domain Name Registry System, the Qatar Domains Registry will generally prohibit access to the DNS Zone Files and Domain Name Registry System by any third party.
- 1.3. Circumstances where a third party is provided with access to the Zone Files, or the Domain Name Registry System, are where it is;
 - 1.3.1. a company or organisation that supplies secondary DNS Services;
 - 1.3.2. an Accredited Registrar; or
 - 1.3.3. a third party such as a Government or law enforcement bodies as required by law.
- 1.4. In the event that Zone File or Domain Name Registry System access is required by a party, permission must be sought by applying directly to the Qatar Domains Registry, and stating the purpose and reason for the request.
- 1.5. In every case, the applicant must agree to uphold strict guidelines that include:
 - 1.5.1. they must use the DNS Zone File and information or the Domain Name Registry System for lawful purposes only, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Qatar;
 - 1.5.2. prevention of unauthorised access to the DNS Zone File or information from the Domain Name Registry System;
 - 1.5.3. they may not distribute the DNS Zone File or information from the Domain Name Registry System;
 - 1.5.4. compliance with all applicable laws and regulations governing the use of the DNS Zone File or information from the Domain Name Registry System; and
 - 1.5.5. take reasonable measures to protect against unauthorised access.
- 1.6. In the case of Accredited Registrars access is limited to information in the Domain Name Registry System regarding Domain Names of which they are the Sponsoring Registrar.
- 1.7. There will only be exceptions to this exclusion if the Qatar Domains Registry gives its express authorisation after considering all the relevant circumstances including the party's purpose for seeking access.

- 1.8. Any access to the DNS Zone Files and/or Domain Name Registry System, granted by the Qatar Domains Registry, will be monitored to ensure the authorised party abides by the Qatar Domains Registry's guidelines.

2. Provision of Access

The Qatar Domains Registry reserves the right to change the method of access to DNS Zone Files and/or Domain Name Registry System at any time and may, at its sole discretion suspend access to the DNS Zone Files and/or Domain Name Registry System to prevent a possible threat to the stability and integrity of the Internet.

3. Policy Definition and Review

This Policy document has been prepared and published in order to represent the Qatar Domains Registry's Policy with regard to the administrative and technical management of the Qatar Domains Registry and the Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System.

The Qatar Domains Registry may, at its sole discretion, review and/or amend this Policy at any time. Any amendment shall be posted on the official website of the Qatar Domains Registry.