



## **auDA PUBLISHED POLICY**

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 This document sets out auDA's policy for maintaining the Reserved List of names that may not be used as domain names in the open .au second level domains (2LDs). At the time of publication, the open 2LDs are asn.au, com.au, id.au, net.au and org.au.
- 1.2 The Reserved List is held in the registry database. Each application for a domain name is checked against the Reserved List and domain names that exactly match a name on the Reserved List are blocked from registration.

### **2. CONTENTS OF RESERVED LIST**

- 2.1 The Reserved List contains the following:
  - a) words and phrases that are restricted under Commonwealth legislation, which are applicable to domain names;
  - b) names and abbreviations of Australian states and territories and the name "Australia"; and
  - c) names that may pose a risk to the operational stability and utility of the .au domain.

### **3. WORDS AND PHRASES THAT ARE RESTRICTED UNDER COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION**

- 3.1 The table in Schedule A contains a non-exhaustive list of words and phrases that are restricted under Commonwealth legislation (applicable to domain names), and the consent required for their use. It is the responsibility of the registrant to ensure they have obtained the requisite consent prior to registering a domain name that contains a word or phrase listed in Schedule A. Where auDA becomes aware that a registrant does not have the requisite consent, auDA reserves the right to revoke the domain name licence and delete the domain name.
- 3.2 auDA may conduct audits of the registry database at the request of a relevant government agency, to ensure that any domain names that contain words and phrases listed in Schedule A have the requisite consent.

### **4. NAMES AND ABBREVIATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES**

- 4.1 The names and abbreviations of Australian states and territories and the name "Australia" are regarded as names of national significance and as such are reserved from general use.
- 4.2 The name or abbreviation of an Australian state or territory may be released on application provided that the proposed registrant:

- a) is eligible to use the name or abbreviation under the relevant eligibility and allocation policy rules; and
  - b) has written authorisation to use the name or abbreviation from the relevant state or territory government.
- 4.3 An applicant for a name or abbreviation of an Australian state or territory must lodge their application through an auDA accredited registrar. If the application is approved, auDA will authorise the release of the name or abbreviation from the Reserved List.

**5. NAMES THAT MAY POSE A RISK TO THE OPERATIONAL STABILITY AND UTILITY OF THE .AU DOMAIN**

- 5.1 From time to time, auDA may place a name on the Reserved List that, if used as a domain name, may pose a risk to the operational stability and utility of the .au domain.
- 5.2 The decision to place a name on the Reserved List under paragraph 5.1 must be approved or ratified by the auDA Board.

**SCHEDULE A****WORDS AND PHRASES RESTRICTED UNDER COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION  
(at the time of publication)**

<b>Word or phrase</b>	<b>Consent required by</b>
Commonwealth Federal	N/A - total restriction applies
Anzac	Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Geneva Cross Red Crescent Red Cross Red Lion and Sun	Minister for Defence
United Nations	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Olympic(s) Olympiad(s) Olympic Games	Australian Olympic Committee
Centrelink CRS Australia	Secretary of Department of Human Services
Medicare Medicare Australia	Secretary of Department of Human Services
Authorised Deposit-Taking Institution Bank Banker Banking Building Society Friendly Society Credit Society Credit Union Words of like import, and the restricted words in other languages	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
Australian Commonwealth Games Australian Commonwealth Games Association Coast 2018 Games Commonwealth Games Commonwealth Games Federation GC18 GC2018 Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Gold Coast 2018 Games Gold Coast Commonwealth Games GOLDOC Queen's Baton Relay	Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC)

Please Note: auDA may update this Schedule from time to time, in line with any amended or new Commonwealth legislation.