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Domain Name Renewal, Expiry, and Deletion

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This document sets out policy on the registration, renewal, transfer, expiry and deletion of domain names in [.IQ]zones.

1. TERMINOLOGY

This policy uses the following terms:

- “ - **Life Cycle**” means an automated process at the registry where eligible domain names enter the “**Active**”, “**Expired - Suspended**”, “**Expired Pending- Delete**” or “**Expired - Pending Purge**” state.
- “ - **Domain Drop List**” means the authoritative list of domain names that are due to be purged from the registry.
- “ - **Purge Cycle**” means an automated process at the registry where domain names are purged from the registry .
- “ - **Redemption Period**” means the period in which a domain that has been deleted may be restored .

2. DOMAIN NAME LICENCE PERIOD

- The standard domain name license period is **(1)** or **(2)** years .
- Registrars may offer a service that allows a registrant to create or alter the expiry date of their domain name to **1-2** years from the date of registration.

3. DOMAIN NAME EXPIRY

- The following procedure applies in the case of domain names that are not renewed on or before the expiry date:
- At the domain name’s expiry date, the domain name will become eligible for expiry automation. One day’s grace is granted before automated processes commence:
- At the Life Cycle Automation one day after expiry, the domain name will transition from “**Active**” state to an “**Expired - Suspended**” state. Unless renewed it will stay in this state for 48 hours. The Suspended domain will divert to a page that advises the public the domain has expired. It also provides advice to the registrant on how to contact their registrar to renew.
- At the Life Cycle Automation three days after expiry the domain name will transition from “**Expired - Suspended**” to an “**Expired - Pending Delete, Redemption Possible**” state for **60** days. This is depicted in the WHOIS by the status being shown as:
- The domain name will be removed from the DNS (i.e. it will no longer work on the Internet or be diverted to a suspended page);
- The domain name can be restored (**redeemed**) & updated.
- When an expired domain is restored it is automatically renewed.
- The domain name can be restored then renewed or transferred to another registrar (**a name in Pending Delete state cannot be**



transferred until restored);(60)-days after it enters a Pending Delete state, the domain name will become eligible for expired Pending Delete - Purge state. At the next Life Cycle Automation, the domain name will transit from an “Expired | Redemption Possible” state to an “Expired | Pending Purge” state.

- the domain name will be locked and cannot be updated, renewed or transferred to another registrar;
- the domain name will be published on the Official Domain Drop List;
- The domain name will be purged from the registry at the next Life Cycle Automation.

4. DOMAIN NAME DELETION

- The following procedure applies in the case of domain names that are deleted at the request of the registrant (known as “Client Deletes”)
- at the time of the deletion command by the registrar or registry administrator, the domain name will transition from “Active” to a “Pending Delete” state .
- the domain name will be removed from the DNS (i.e. it will no longer work on the internet);
- the domain name cannot be updated or transferred;
- the domain name can be undeleted on the registrant’s instruction;
- the domain name will be published on the Domain Drop List;
- (60)- calendar days after it enters this “Pending Delete” state,
- the domain name will become eligible for purg;
- the domain name can still be undeleted during this time (if the domain name is undeleted, the domain name will be removed from the Domain Drop List);

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