
Implementation Status: Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Policy Recommendations

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN60 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) will not have a formal working meeting at ICANN60. There will be a general session about this project to update the community on the progress of the IRT's work and the overall project timeline. See the [schedule](#) for further details.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

A privacy service allows domain name registration in the registrant's name, but all other contact details displayed in the publicly-accessible WHOIS system are those given by the privacy service provider, not by the registrant. A proxy service allows the registered name holder to license the use of the domain to a customer who actually uses the domain; the contact information displayed in the WHOIS system is that of the proxy service provider.

The ICANN organization is implementing a new Privacy and Proxy Service Provider Accreditation Program, pursuant to policy recommendations that were developed by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG), adopted by the GNSO Council in January 2016, and adopted by the ICANN Board in August 2016.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) contains a temporary specification that governs registrars' obligations in respect of privacy and proxy services. This specification will expire on 1 January 2018 or when ICANN implements a privacy and proxy accreditation program, whichever first occurs.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

An IRT of more than 40 community members has been formed under the direction of ICANN's Global Domains Division (GDD). The IRT commenced its meetings in October 2016. As of September 2017, the IRT is currently reviewing the draft accreditation agreement and other program materials in preparation for proceeding to the [public comment](#) phase.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The IRT meets weekly. The IRT is currently discussing issues surrounding the draft Accreditation Agreement, as well as the accreditation and de-accreditation processes.

Based on the IRT's current pace, it is expected that the public comment period will be launched before the end of this calendar year. However, unexpected developments could impact the timeline. The project timeline will be revisited and updated quarterly on the ICANN.org [implementation status webpage](#).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you are a community member with experience and interest in this topic, and wish to join the IRT, send an email indicating your interest to the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@ICANN.org. Broad community input is encouraged during the public comment phase.

MORE INFORMATION

- PDP Final Report: gnso.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-final-07dec15
- PDP Webpage: gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/ppsa
- IRT Workspace: community.icann.org/x/VA2sAw

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