# Implementation Status: Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Policy Recommendations

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN63 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) is in the final stages of reviewing the draft Accreditation Agreement and related materials. It is expected that these materials will be posted for public comment once they are finalized.

### 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 Registration Data Directory Service (RDDS) 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 while contact information displayed in the RDDS 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 RAA contains a temporary specification that governs registrars' obligations in respect of privacy and proxy services. This specification will expire on 1 July 2019 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 2018, the IRT is currently reviewing the draft Accreditation Agreement and other program materials in preparation for the public comment phase.

### WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The draft Accreditation Agreement and related materials will be posted for public comment once these materials are finalized.

The project timeline will be revisited and updated quarterly on the ICANN.org **implementation status webpage**.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Broad community input is encouraged during the public comment phase, which will be found here: **https://www.icann.org/public-comments**.

### MORE INFORMATION

- PDP Final Report: **http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-final-07dec15-en.pdf**

- PDP Webpage: **http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/ppsa**

- IRT Workspace: **https://community.icann.org/x/VA2sAw**

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