



This policy is issued by the Telecommunication & Radiocommunication Regulator (TRR)

.vu Policy Development Process

1. About this policy

- 1.1. This policy sets out the principles and processes that TRR must follow when creating or amending TRR .vu policies.

2. Background Information

- 2.1. TRR has the ultimate responsibility for managing and administrating the .vu domain name space as established by section 7 (4) (e) of the **Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulation Act No. 30 of 2009** and through the *“Vanuatu Domain Name Management and Administration Regulations Order No. 206 of 2016”*.
- 2.2. The above Regulations provide the high level regulations for the operation of the .vu country code top level domain (ccTLD).
- 2.3. The “Shared Registry System” (SRS) is a single register (“Register”) for .vu domain names and associated data. [BLANK ON PURPOSE] has been appointed by TRR to operate the register.
- 2.4. Registration and management of .vu domain names, as well as management of information provided to the Registry (“Registry”), is effected by Registrars (“Registrars”). Registrars access and manage domain names on behalf of Registrants (“Registrants”) and it is the Registrants to whom individual domain names are licensed.

- 2.5. The .vu domain name space is governed by .vu regulation and policies, which are available on the TRR website. All participants in the .vu domain name space (including Registrants and Registrars) are bound by the .vu regulation and policies, of which this is one.
- 2.6. Key principles and responsibilities in the .vu domain name space are set out in the .vu Principles and Responsibilities policy. The operations and procedures that apply to the running of the .vu domain name space and which must be followed by all parties in the .vu domain name space are set out in the .vu Operational guidelines and Procedures policy..

3. Policy making

- 3.1. The authority of TRR in setting and amending ccTLD policy is restricted to that concerning the .vu domain name space.
- 3.2. It is important that all .vu policies reflect the overall responsibilities TRR has in managing and administering the .vu domain name space and that they are consistent with TRR's published policy principles.
- 3.3. The current versions of all .vu policies and their dates of adoption will always be available on the TRR website.

4. Identification and prioritisation of policies

- 4.1. Any party is free to identify possible policy requirements and notify these to TRR.
- 4.2. Once a policy topic has been identified, TRR will define and scope it, including considering the rationale for the policy (or amendment of an existing policy).
- 4.3. Policy Development and amendment of the operational guideline will be prioritised by TRR, at its discretion, according to operational needs and the impact that the lack of any policy has on the parties involved in the .vu domain name space.
- 4.4. TRR is responsible for setting the overall long-term strategic direction for managing the .vu domain name space.

5. Consultation Processes

- 5.1. After TRR has prepared an initial draft policy (or proposed variations to an existing policy), TRR will initiate a public consultation process.
- 5.2. TRR will determine the appropriate scope and process for consultation having regard to the nature and circumstances of the policy or amendments being developed. Parties involved in the

consultation process may include the appropriate Registrars, Government Departments and agencies, and other interested parties.

- 5.3. Any submissions received will be published on the TRR website along with any consultation papers.

6. Approval Processes

- 6.1. Following consultation, approval to publish the final policy (or amendments to an existing guideline) will be given by TRR, except where TRR considers that the policy is particularly likely to have a major impact on the strategic direction of the .vu domain name space.

7. Interim Policy

- 7.1. Where circumstances require the urgent amendment of an existing policy to preserve the integrity of the Register (for example, security related issues), TRR may develop and approve that amended policy on an interim basis without following the consultative and approval processes set out above. Any amended policy implemented in accordance with this provision will be identified as an interim policy.
- 7.2. Once an interim policy is implemented, TRR will prioritise a review of that interim policy in accordance with this policy (including any consultation, if appropriate). Once a review of the interim policy in accordance with this policy has been carried out the policy will be finalised. Any interim policy still in effect after six months will be reviewed by the TRR Board.

8. Publication

- 8.1. Where a policy is being actively consulted on, the consultation paper and submissions received will be made available on the TRR website - <http://www.trr.vu/telecom-industry/internet-governance/ccTLD/Policies>
- 8.2. Copies of all current .vu policies will be available on the policies section of the TRR website at <http://www.trr.vu/telecom-industry/internet-governance/ccTLD/Policies> .