Introduction and respondent name

The edu.au Domain Administration Committee (eDAC) is undertaking a public review of the edu.au domain's:

- governance and supporting administration arrangements; and
- domain name eligibility and allocation policies.

This form allows you to lodge your comments on the questions outlined in the Discussion Paper. You only need to provide comment on the recommendations that interest or concern you.

Responses to the Discussion Paper close on Tuesday 27 January, 2015.

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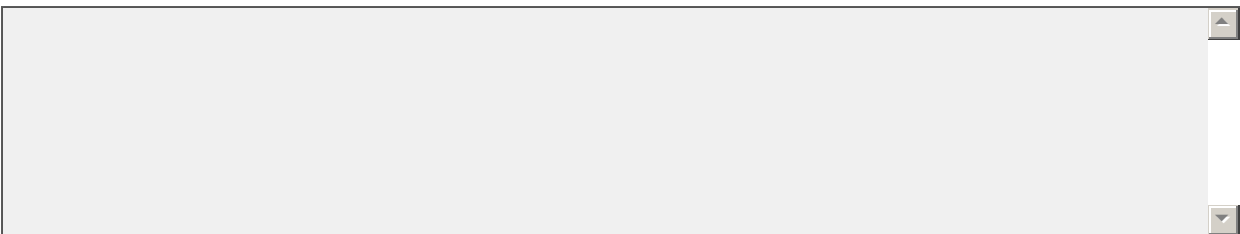
Domain policy

Do you have comments on Recommendation 1?

That no changes be made to the arrangements for the management of edu.au domain policy by eDAC, nor the composition of eDAC.

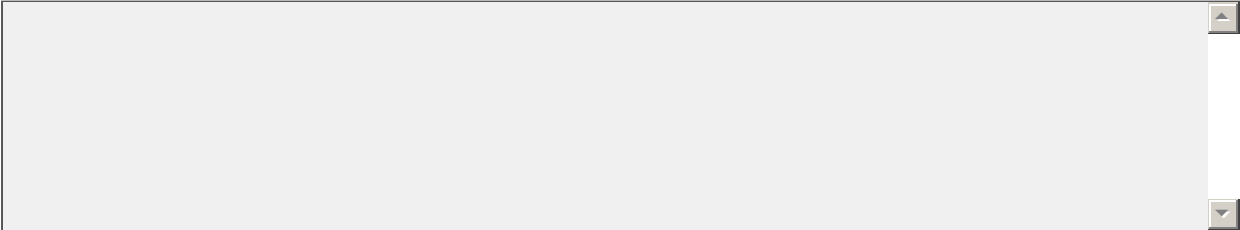**Do you have comments on Recommendation 2?**

Once the proposed reform of the Higher Education sector is settled and its impact apparent, eDAC should consider whether changes are warranted to the higher education sector representation on eDAC .

Registrar

Do you have comments on Recommendation 3?

That no changes be made to the registrar arrangements for the edu.au domain.

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Interim governance arrangements policy

Do you have comments on Recommendation 4?

That the current interim governance arrangements be confirmed as appropriate for the edu.au domain.
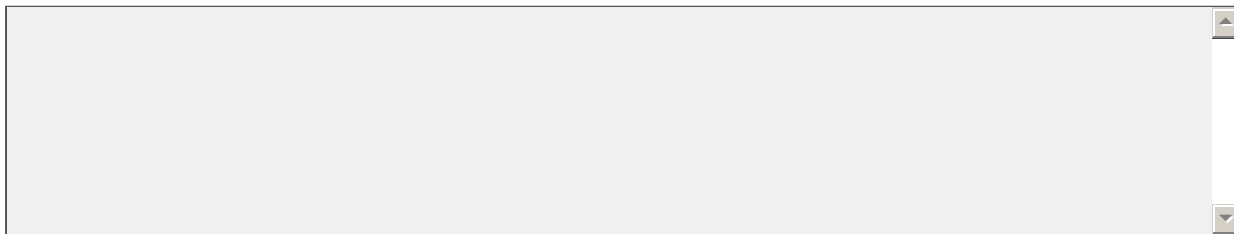
Domain name pricing

Do you have comments on Recommendation 5?

That a formal, published pricing policy be established where:

a. *The objective is to keep the fees for an edu.au domain name licence at a minimum; and*
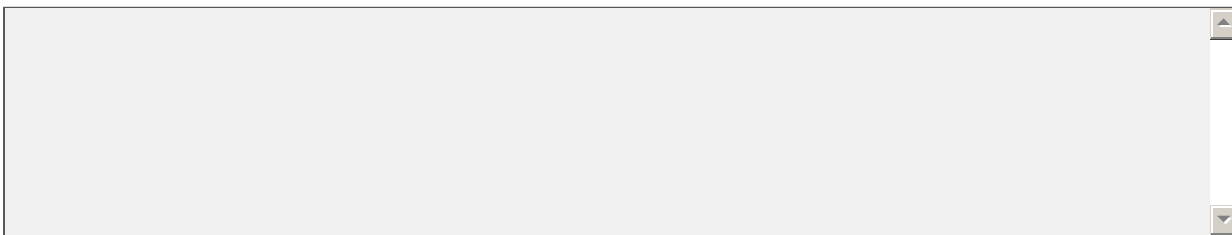b. *Pricing is subject to regular review, including periodic external independent scrutiny.*

Eligibility rules - eligibility types

Do you have comments on Recommendation 6?

That the current eligibility policy be restructured and simplified by dividing eligibility types into two categories:
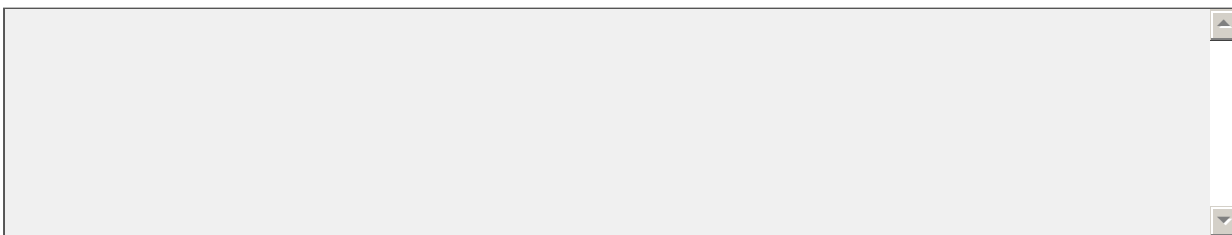
a. *entities for which there is an appropriate accreditation/registration authority; and*
b. *entities where there is a need to rely on warranties and references as there is no appropriate accreditation/registration authority.*

Do you have comments on Recommendation 7?

That the evidentiary requirements for entities where there is no appropriate accreditation/registration authority be standardised and simplified, with the process to involve the applicant:
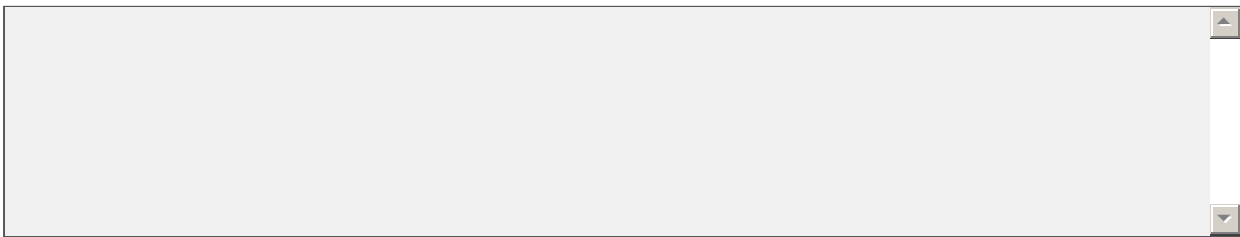
a. *warranting that their primary function is the provision in Australia of education, training, education and training related research; and/or education and training related services; and*
b. *providing a reference in a standard form from an unrelated entity that currently holds an edu.au licence where the reference:*

- *warrants that the referee is an eligible entity under current policy and holds a current edu.au domain name licence; and*
- *warrants that the applicant's primary function is the provision in Australia of education or training; education and training research; and/or education and training related services.*

Do you have comments on Recommendation 8?

That eligibility policy be amended to:

a. *ensure that if an entity is eligible under a category where there is an appropriate accreditation/registration authority, they must apply under that category;*
b. *remove references that research organisations need to be in receipt of funding;*
c. *provide examples of the type of bodies that fall within the category of national bodies;*
d. *define the term 'related services' to ensure that it is clear that it refers to services whose primary function is the provision in Australia of services specifically related to education and training.*

Eligibility rules - eligible entities

Do you have comments on Recommendation 9?

That eligibility policy be amended to allow schools that are being established to obtain a domain name prior to achieving formal accreditation/registration if a warranty from the relevant government authority/governing body is provided.

Eligibility rules - projects and programs

Do you have comments on Recommendation 10?

That the current allocation policy be amended to clarify that the Registrar does not need to assess whether the project or program is educational in nature.

Allocation rules - first come, first served

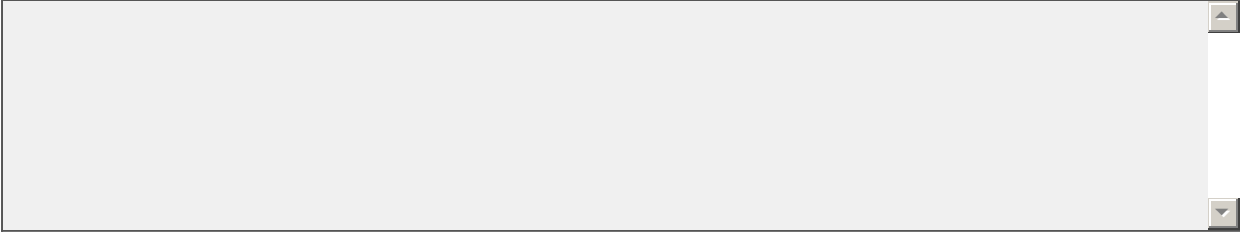**Do you have comments on Recommendation 11?**

That no policy change is required in relation to the current allocation rule 'first come, first served'.
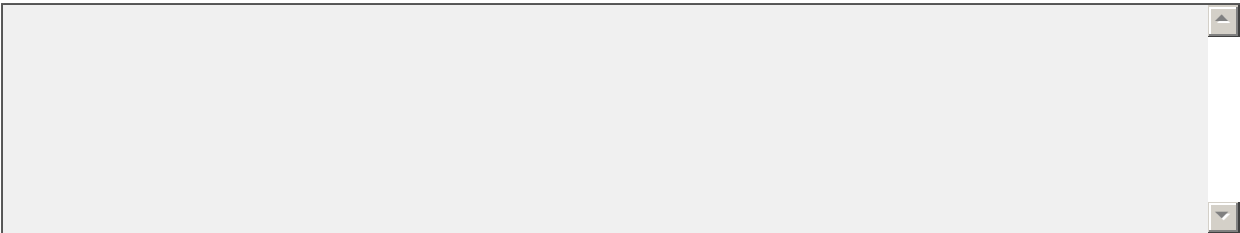
Allocation rules - domain name level

Do you have comments on Recommendation 12?

That no change is required to the policy rules controlling the level of edu.au domain name that different applicant types can register.
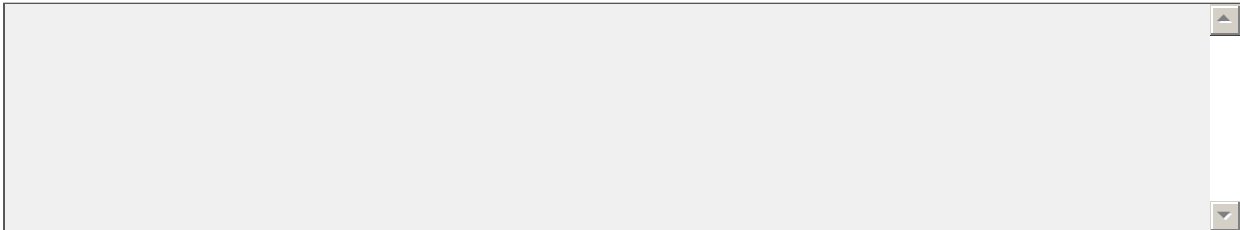
Do you have comments on Recommendation 13?

Once the proposed reform of the Higher Education sector is settled and its impact apparent, eDAC should consider whether changes are warranted to the policy rules controlling the level of edu.au domain name that different applicants can register.

Allocation rules - composition of a domain name

Do you have comments on Recommendation 14?

That no change is required to the policy rules requiring there to be a direct link between the name of the applying entity (or related project or program) and their proposed edu.au domain name.

Allocation rules - restricted or unacceptable words and terms

Do you have comments on Recommendation 15?

That no change is required to the policy rules governing the types of words and terms that are restricted or that cannot be registered as an edu.au domain name.

Other issues

Do you have comments on Recommendation 16?

That the current rules in Policy 10 – edu.au Mandatory Terms and Conditions regarding prohibitions on the redirection of domain names be carefully reviewed to ensure they do not prevent instances where the redirection of domain names could not be considered to undermine the integrity of the edu.au domain.

Are there any other issues regarding edu.au domain governance arrangements or domain name eligibility or allocation rules that you wish to raise?

Personal contact details

Please provide your personal contact details. These details will not be published - they will be used if we need to contact you regarding the issues you raise in your response.

*Details of contact person regarding this response

Name

email

Telephone/mobile

Submitting your response

All submissions will be published on the review website without modification, except to remove personal contact details.

Respondents need to be aware that only in exceptional circumstances will confidential submissions be accepted as part of this review process.

✱Do you want your submission to be treated as confidential?

○ No

○ Yes

Confidential submissions

*Please state your reasons for requesting that your submission be confidential.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the Discussion Paper. Your contribution is appreciated.

The responses to the Discussion Paper will be used to inform eDAC in its preparation of a Final Review Report for submission to auDA in the first quarter of 2015.

It is expected that the Final Review Report will be published by auDA.