

Resource Delegation Audit Program

NIR Workshop
23 February 2025

Before we start

- Please do not be afraid of the word “audit” – it just means quality checks
- Quality checks are important for registries that need to be accurate!

Key Principles

- Trust and accuracy is critical to all our registries
- Members have a strong expectation of fairness and the same rules for everyone
- All number resource delegations and transfers must be made in strict adherence to community-developed policies
- APNIC has zero tolerance for the misallocation of resources in its registry or those of NIRs – any errors must be rectified

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Primary Activity

- Aggregated data analysis (APNIC and NIRs)

Supporting Initiatives

- Policy compliance spot checks (APNIC)
- Policy and procedure review (APNIC)
- Account accuracy review (APNIC)
- NIR support + training (APNIC)
- NIR agreement review (APNIC and NIRs)

2025 Progress: Aggregated Data Analysis

- All allocation and transfer data for a period of 10 years (1 January 2014 – end 2024)
- First audit in 2025 on JPNIC data and remaining NIRs and APNIC's own registry to follow
- Aim to complete audits for each of the NIRs by the end of 2025
 - Timing may vary depending on audit findings

What to expect

- APNIC will notify each NIR at the commencement of the data audit
- We use whois data and cross reference it with other publicly available information
- Once the audit is complete, APNIC will notify of the result and provide a brief report
- There is no action needed from the NIR unless we find inconsistencies and require further information or investigation
- If APNIC does identify questionable delegations, they must be treated as preliminary findings only. Further investigation is needed to understand if they breach policy
 - Preliminary findings should not be viewed as fraudulent delegations or that there has been any improper actions taken by NIR members or registry staff
- After further investigation, if any delegations are found to breach policy, APNIC will work with the NIR to rectify the problem including recovering the address space

2025 Progress: Supporting Initiatives

- Account accuracy review
 - Proactively assist APNIC Members to ensure registry data is accurate
 - Consultation on draft process at APRICOT
 - Process to be completed during Q2, implementation from Q3 2025
- Policy and procedure review
 - Review of all of APNIC resource delegation processes, workflows, and team structures
 - To begin in March
- Policy compliance spot checks on new APNIC delegations now underway
- NIR support + training
 - Quarterly NIR alignment meetings
 - Support and training provided as needed
- APNIC – Standard NIR agreement review
 - To be commence in Q4 2025

Community Reporting

- Updates on the audit program will be reported to the EC and community quarterly
 - apnic.net/resource-audit
 - At the AGM and AMM
- Any discoveries of significance will be reported out-of-cycle
- First report will be on Thursday 27 February

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