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Registrar Stakeholder Group

Redaction

The gTLD Registration Data Policy sets requirements for how Contracted Parties process and publish registration data. The Registrar Stakeholder Group's Communications and Outreach Team has reviewed the Policy and created this document to help explain the requirements for registrars regarding redacting personal information from the RDDS output. In cases where there are different requirements for registries, those are not considered or documented here.

A few notes about the specific requirements in this document

- These requirements layer upon each other:
  1. The default is to **publish** (unless identified as optional under the "notes" column)
  2. This publication can be overridden by an additional requirement to **redact**, and,
  3. This redaction can be overridden **if** the registrant provides **consent to publish**
- Publication is only required if the data is processed; if the data is not collected or generated, then it cannot be published
- Data elements in the chart below are displayed in the order found in the RAA §RDDS (Whois) Specification
- Blank "redact" and "consent to publish" columns indicate that the data element cannot be redacted or is not subject to publication upon consent.

This document is not legal advice
Local requirements relating to data protection may vary, as may your understanding of ICANN obligations, and (as always) legal requirements take precedence over policy obligations.
In general, personal data must be redacted where required by applicable law. If not legally required, redaction may occur where the registrar has a commercially reasonable purpose to do so, or in situations where it is not technically feasible to determine which data should be redacted.

TERM	DEFINITION	SOURCE
Data Element	Values that are (a) collected from a natural or legal person or (b) generated by Registrar/Registry in connection with a Registered Name	3.6
Redact	Not include the value of the data element in the RDDS output; instead indicate that the value has not been included	9.2.2
Consent	Any freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous indication of the Data Subject's wishes through a statement or by a clear affirmative action that signifies agreement	3.2
Consent to Publish	Provide opportunity for the Registered Name Holder (RNH) to provide their consent of the data element being published in the RDDS output. If RNH does provide their consent, the Registrar MUST publish that data element	9.2.4

RAA §RDDS (Whois) Specification:
https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/approved-with-specs-2013-09-17-en#whois

Reach out to secretariat@icannregistrars.org with any questions

Data Element	Redact	Consent to Publish	Policy Section Reference	Notes
Domain Name			9.1.1.1	
Registry Domain ID	MUST	MUST	9.1.3.1; 9.2.2.1.1; 9.2.4	
Registrar Whois Server			9.1.2.1	
Registrar URL			9.1.1.2	
Updated Date			9.1.2.2	
Creation Date			9.1.1.3	
Registry Expiry Date			9.1.1.4	Optional for Registrar to Publish
Registrar Registration Expiration Date			9.1.1.5	
Registrar			9.1.1.6	
Registrar IANA ID			9.1.1.7	
Registrar Abuse Contact Email			9.1.1.8	
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone			9.1.1.9	
Reseller			9.1.7	Optional for Registrar to Publish
Domain Status(es)			9.1.1.10	
Registry Registrant ID	MUST	MUST	9.1.3.2; 9.2.2.1.2; 9.2.4	
Registrant Name	MUST	MUST	9.1.6.1; 9.2.2.1.3; 9.2.4	
Registrant Organization	MAY	MUST	9.1.3.3; 9.2.2.3; 9.2.6	
Registrant Street	MUST	MUST	9.1.6.2; 9.2.2.1.4; 9.2.4	
Registrant City	MAY		9.1.6.3; 9.2.2.4	
Registrant State/Province			9.1.4	
Registrant Postal Code	MUST	MUST	9.1.3.4; 9.2.2.1.5; 9.2.4	
Registrant Country			9.1.5	
Registrant Phone	MUST	MUST	9.1.6.4; 9.2.2.1.6; 9.2.4	
Registrant Phone Ext	MUST	MUST	9.1.10.1; 9.2.2.1.7; 9.2.4	Optional for Registrar to publish unless consent to publish is received
Registrant Fax	MUST	MUST	9.1.10.2; 9.2.2.1.8; 9.2.4	Optional for Registrar to publish unless consent to publish is received
Registrant Fax Ext	MUST	MUST	9.1.10.3; 9.2.2.1.9; 9.2.4	Optional for Registrar to publish unless consent to publish is received
Registrant Email	MUST	MUST	9.1.6.5; 9.2.2.2.1 and 9.2.3.1; 9.2.4	If redacted, Registrar must publish a forwarding email/contact URL
Registry Tech ID	MUST		9.1.3.5; 9.2.2.1.10	
Tech Name	MUST		9.1.3.6; 9.2.2.1.11	
Tech Phone	MUST		9.1.3.7; 9.2.2.1.12	
Tech Email	MUST		9.1.3.8; 9.2.2.2.2 and 9.2.3.2	If redacted, Registrar must publish a forwarding email/contact URL
Name Server(s)			9.1.2.3	
Name Server IP Address(es)			9.1.8	Optional for Registrar to Publish
DNSSEC Elements			9.1.2.4	
Last Update of RDDS			9.1.1.11	