

# WHOIS ACCESS POLICY

**1.0 Title:** Whois Access Policy  
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## 2.0 Summary

This document outlines how the Registry Operator complies with the Whois contractual obligations set forth in its Registry Agreement and the contractual limitations on all third parties that use this service.

## 3.0 Access to Whois Data

Registry Operator is required to collect and provide domain name registration information (“Whois Data”) for a variety of purposes. Registry Operator through its Registry Service Provider enables access to Whois Data through a standard text-based network protocol on port 43 and as a standard web-based interface at [webwhois.nic.<.TLD>](http://webwhois.nic.<.TLD>). Both interfaces are publicly available at no cost to the user and are reachable worldwide. This service is available to any Internet user and its use does not require prior authorization or permission.

## 4.0 Terms of Use

By accessing Whois Data made available by Registry Operator, you agree that you will use the Whois Data only for lawful purposes.

4.1 Under no circumstance shall the data or the systems of Registry Operator and/or Registry Service Provider be used to:

4.1.1 Allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission of mass unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations via, email, telephone or facsimile; or

4.1.2 Enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of Registry Operator, Registry Service Provider, or Registrar except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.

4.2 The compilation, repackaging, disseminations or other use of the Whois Data is expressly prohibited without the prior consent of Registry Operator.

4.3 Registry Operator reserves the right to restrict third party access to Whois Data through these public resources in its sole discretion to ensure operational stability.

4.4 Registry Operator may restrict or block access to Whois Data for failure to abide by the Terms of Use.

## **5.0 Disclaimer**

5.1 Registry Operator provides the public Whois Data for information purposes only, and does not guarantee its accuracy.

5.2 The expiration data displayed in this record is the date the Registrar's sponsorship of the domain name registration in <.TLD> is currently set to expire. This date does not necessarily reflect the expiration date of the domain name Registrant's Registration Agreement with the sponsoring Registrar. Users may consult the sponsoring Registrar's Whois Data to view the Registrar's reported date of expiration for a specific domain name.

## **6.0 Amendment**

Registry Operator reserves the right to modify this Policy at its sole discretion in accordance with its rights and obligations set forth in its Registry Agreement. Such revised Policy shall be posted on Registry Operator's website at [www.ftld.com/policies](http://www.ftld.com/policies) at least 15-calendar days before its effective date.