About Nominet

Domain names are one of the key building blocks of the internet – an essential component of every email address and website. Millions of businesses and consumers now depend on Nominet’s services, which underpin a critical part of the UK internet economy.

With the proceeds of our successful registry business, we set up and support the Nominet Trust, an independent charitable foundation focussed on increasing access, safety and education on internet issues. As part of our commitment to making the internet a more trusted space, we have also developed an information and advice portal - www.knowthenet.org.uk - which helps internet users to get the most of being online by staying safe, legal, and informed.

More information is available at: www.nominet.org.uk

How works

Requests not resulting in suspensions

17 requests

Suspensions not requested

- Requests to reverse suspensions received in last six months

17 requests

- Data refers to domains suspended due to requests received during the specified period.

Offensive names

Domain name registration is restricted to prevent the promotion of serious crime, including child abuse. Nominet’s rules are also designed to prevent domain names containing offensive or derogatory terms.

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Nominet was set up in 1996 as a public benefit company. We’re funded by a fee charged on every domain name registered in the UK. We’ve helped managers of all sizes improve their online presence while protecting their online identity from abuse.

Criminal activity

There have been 948 successful requests for suspensions in the last 6 months. This equates to 0.009% of the 10.5m .uk domains registered.

7 National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

102 Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency

839 Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit

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The majority of requests received relate to counterfeiting (sections 92(1) of the Trade Marks Act 1994 and Section 2(1) of the Fraud Act 2006 Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit, National Fraud Intelligence Bureau), and supply of controlled drugs under Regulations 279 and 284 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency). Many requests cite more than one offence.

How it works

Tackling online criminal activity

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Nominet has an automated system to detect and remove domains that are hosting content that is harmful to children.

New / renewed registrations

Existing registrations

Who have 30 days to appeal the assessment. Any unresolved disagreements would be referred to independent external body for review.

In the last six months, 9 requests were received to reverse suspensions. 2 of these were reversed.

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If a domain name is in breach, the registrant and registrar are notified and the domain suspended and blocked so that no one can register that domain in the future.

Any complaints about website content are referred to law enforcement agencies.

Registrants have 30 days to appeal any decision made about content.

Nominet does not comment on whether content on existing domain names.

If you have a complaint about a request to reverse a suspension, please contact the law enforcement agency that requested the suspension for details of the appeal process.