Detailed summary of proposed changes - V 3.3 of .nz Rules

[Amendments to be consulted on in October 2026.]

Additional wording is underlined. Deleted wording is ~~struck through~~.

References to DNC are to the Domain Name Commission.

	Clause	**Reason for amendment**	**Text change**
1.	Throughout	Term correction	'.nz' added to the words 'domain name' where applicable.
2.	Introduction - The main participants in .nz	Formatting error	Remove unnecessary brackets around the words 'DNC'.
3.	Introduction - Important Agreements	Formatting error	Important Agreements heading font change.
4.	Interpretation	To update references to different clause numbers due to proposed amendments to .nz Rules.	Change clause reference in the following defined terms: • Auto-Renew Grace Period • Registration Grace Period • Renewal Grace Period
5.	New definitions	New definitions are introduced of the terms 'Protective Hold', 'Newly Registered Domain Name' and 'Base Wholesale Fee'.	**Protective Hold** definition - is introduced to reflect the new compliance tool in clause 2.2.

			New Registered Domain Name definition - is introduced and used to define the domain names that can be subject to Protective Hold. **Base Wholesale Fee definition** - is introduced in the new Registrar Billing provisions in clause 3.
6.	Clause 2 - Registration of domain names - Operational Rules.	Clause 7.3 being deleted so consequently clause 2.2.4.c is amended to remove the reference to clause 7.3. (See changes to clause 7 below.)	New clause 2.2.4.c to read: pay the fees set by InternetNZ. ~~specified in clause 7.3~~.
7.	Clause 2 - Registration of domain names - new Protective Hold. [New provisions.]	Protective Hold being introduced.	New clauses 2.2.11-2.2.15.
8.	Clause 3 - Changing the Domain Name Holder - Procedures and requirements	Change to clause 3.3.2 to broaden the reference to the type of evidence of assignment that must be retained in respect of change authorisation. This change responds to Registrars having advised that the words 'documentation and correspondence' suggest that physical paperwork is required, when digital processes are often used.	3.3.2 The Registrar must retain all ~~documentation and correspondence~~ records relating to the assignment and how it was authorised.

9.	Clause 4 - Changing the Registrar - Procedures and Requirements.	Change to clause 4.3.3 to ensure that a new and not expired authorisation code is supplied to Domain Name Holders on request.	A Registrar must pass on ~~a~~an new authorisation code to the Domain Name Holder of the identified .nz domain name whenever an ~~new~~ authorisation code is generated ~~and it is~~ or requested by the Domain Name Holder.
10.	Clause 7 - Registrar Billing.	The fees will be specified in the Connection Agreement rather than in the .nz Rules in the future. Clause 7 amendments to clarify that rebates and incentives can be used.	Changes to clause 7.1.1-to 7.1.4, and 7.2.1 and 7.3.1.
11.	Clause 8 - Roles, responsibilities and obligations - InternetNZ obligations	Clarify that InternetNZ may contact domain name holders if required by law. (Clause 8.2.11.) Empowers the ability to undertake an educational role by sending information to Domain Name Holders.	8.2.11 InternetNZ must not: a. create a new second level domain b. communicate with a Domain Name Holder unless: i. it is permitted by these .nz Rules, or required by law ii. it has obtained the relevant Registrar's approval before going directly to the Domain Name Holder New 8.2.12 empowers InternetNZ to provide information to Domain Name Holders.

12.	Grammar corrections	Clause 10.2.5, 10.2.7(c), 10.2.8(b) and 12.2.23.	Grammar.
13.	Clause 10 - Information Management	10.2.24 - Specify key elements to be contained in transparency reporting.	10.2.24 - DNC shall publish an annual transparency report providing various statistical data that is of interest to ~~the~~ Registrars and the local Internet community, including information about domain name suspensions and use of the Protective Hold. ~~and that supports their role and responsibilities.~~ This report shall be prepared and shared in accordance with the requirements under the Privacy Act 2020 where relevant.
14.	Clause 10 - Information Management	Clause 10.3.1. Change the default fields to be more Privacy Protective.	[Display in Query Search]: Domain Name Contact Details ….excluding physical address.
15.	Clause 12 - Complaints and enforcement	Clause 12.2 and 12.3 include cross references that need updating.	Cross reference corrections.
16	Schedule 1 - Policy Development Policy.	There is a reference to the InternetNZ Council, which is not called the InternetNZ Board.	6.3 - An interim policy still in effect after six months must be reviewed by the InternetNZ ~~Council~~ Board, unless otherwise agreed by the ~~Council~~ Board.