

ICANN Registry Price Increases

Beginning in October, the registries for **.com, .net, .org and .info domain names are once again increasing their registration fees** (there will be no rise in .biz). These ICANN-approved rate increases affect all domain name registrars and resellers alike.

These registry-imposed increases are **unavoidable**. To minimize the impact, Rconnection are **only** increasing our costs by the amounts imposed by the registries. Unlike some other registrars we are making no additional profit from these price rises.

Here are some of the questions that you may have on these increases:

What are the increases and when do they take effect?

gTLD	Price Increase (per domain year)	Date of Increase
.com	\$0.44	September 30, 2008
.net	\$0.38	September 30, 2008
.org	\$0.50	November 8, 2008
.info	\$0.50	October 31, 2008

What do I need to do to implement these changes?

Nothing. These new fees will be **automatically reflected in your account** beginning on the dates indicated.

What is Rconnection making from these increases?

Nothing. Unlike some other registrars we are passing on the exact increase imposed by ICANN.

Are there likely to be further increases?

No further increases have been announced, however, prices were increased in 2007 and the registries could increase the fees further in 2009

Why were .biz increased last year but not this year?

The .biz registry has decided not to increase their costs this year.

Will all future fee increases be passed directly on to our customers?

Not necessarily. We will review each and every price change and will minimise customer impact wherever possible. Unfortunately, on this occasion, the increases were such that we had no option but to pass them on to our customers

Why are the registries imposing these increases?

2007 saw the first registry fee increase for .com and .net since the fee structure was put in place by ICANN in 1999. The registries argue that they need the extra funding to build up their security and support infrastructure and keep up with the ever expanding growth of the internet.

Who can I contact with the other questions that I have?

Please email us at partnersupport@register.com and we will respond to any queries you may have.