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Argentina – New registration fees for domain names

On February 28, 2014, the National Registry of Domain Names (“Dirección Nacional del Registro de Dominios de Internet, Nic-Argentina”), the governmental entity in charge of domain name registration in Argentina, by means of Resolution No. 80-2013 (“the Resolution”), approved new fees for the registration, renewal and assignment of domain names under the country code “.ar”, as per the following fee schedule:

Extension	Registration	Renewal
.ar	AR\$ 450 (US\$ 56)	AR\$ 450 (US\$ 56)
.com.ar	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)
.net.ar	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)
.tur.ar	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)
.org.ar	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)	AR\$ 160 (US\$ 20)
.gob.ar	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)
.gov.ar	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)
.int.ar	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)
.mil.ar	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)	AR\$ 65 (US\$ 8)

The Resolution states that the abovementioned fee schedule applies as of January 1, 2014. However, Nic-Argentina has made clear, through its website www.nic.ar, that the new registration fees will apply as of March 5, 2014.

Although not covered by the Resolution, Nic-Argentina has informed in its website that fees will also apply to the assignment of domain names and domain name dispute claims filed before Nic-Argentina. They have not specifically detailed the fees that will be charged in connection with assignments and dispute claims, but we have been unofficially informed that a fee equivalent to that applicable for the registration of a new domain names will be charged.

Nic-Argentina has also informed that they will accept payment by all major credit cards or through the “Rapipago” network, a local billing and collection system.

Prior to the issuance of the Resolution, the registration of domain names was free of charge. With the implementation of the new fees, Nic-Argentina aims to improve the quality of its services and also reduce and discourage the amount of speculative registrations existing under the previous system.

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