.au registrant validation
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- Registrars must validate (not verify) registrant information

- Australian presence:
  - an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident visa holder
  - A registered incorporated association (state-based association number)
  - A sole trader with an Australian Business Number (ABN)
  - A registered company with Australian Company Number (ACN) or ABN
  - A legal entity with an Australian Trademark (TM)

- .au direct (foreexample.au) – just Australian presence

- .com.au and .net.au – also need to be a registered commercial entity

- .org.au – must be a registered not-for-profit entity

- .gov.au – Government entity

- .edu.au – registered education or training provider

Australian presence validation

- A Registrar must validate the following minimum information in respect to the Person:
  - legal name
  - address for service
  - email address; or telephone number; or identifier issued by an Australian, State or Territory Government authority using Reliable and Independent Electronic Data or valid identity documents.

- Mostly registrars use the Australian Government’s Australian Business Register (ABR):

  - Costs per lookup – often multiple lookups needed to get right (e.g. with or without middle name)
  - Registry and registrars don’t store the document just that it has been validated

- .au has low volumes of malicious registrations and generally using stolen identities

- Mostly DNS Abuse from compromised websites more than 5 years old