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.au registrant validation

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.au requirements

- 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 (forexample.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):
 - <https://abr.business.gov.au/> - free lookups
- Australian Government – Document Verification Service (DVS): <https://www.idmatch.gov.au/>
 - 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