

## **POLICY 5: .EDU.AU RESERVED LIST POLICY**

This policy sets out AICTEC's policy on unacceptable names for the .edu.au domain, with reference to auDA's Reserved List of words.

Each application for an .edu.au domain name is to be checked by the .edu.au Registrar for conformity.

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 AICTEC reviewed the .edu.au Reserved List Policy in October 2006 and determined that eDAC reserves the right to proscribe any words that it deems (a) to be generic, or (b) if used, would conflict with eDAC's obligations to auDA or otherwise compromise the reputation or effective operation of .edu.au.

### **2. CONTENTS OF RESERVED LIST**

- 2.1 The following classes of names may not be registered in .edu.au:
- a. An exact replica of an existing .edu.au name;
  - b. Generic education and training words (eg school; elearning; workskills; TAFE; business, science; training) should not by themselves feature as 3LD or 4LD names in the .edu.au domain.
  - c. Personal names, except that names which constitute the title of an educational institution are not regarded as 'personal names' in this context eg 'Edith Cowan University'.
  - d. Names containing obscene or offensive language, or otherwise deemed by the Registrar as being likely to compromise the reputation of .edu.au.
  - e. Names expressing a value judgment or political statement. For example, clevercountry.edu.au, or nofees.edu.au.
  - f. Names which are included in auDA's Reserved List Policy and note that:

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1. The auDA Board has determined that, as a general principle, the Reserved List for .au will contain only words and phrases that are restricted under Commonwealth legislation. The .edu.au Registrar will refer to auDA's Reserved List when considering an application for a .edu.au domain name. From time to time, auDA may update the Reserved List in line with any amended or new Commonwealth legislation, and to include any new gTLDs or ccTLDs.
2. For technical reasons, the Reserved List also includes 'www', and the existing generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) and country code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs). For example, domain names such as 'net.org.au' or 'au.com.au' are not permitted.

2.2 The .edu.au Registrar will refer to this policy and to auDA's list of reserved names when considering any application for a .edu.au domain name.

### **3. USE OF WORDS ON RESERVED LIST**

3.1 A registrant may license a domain name that contains a word or phrase on the auDA Reserved List identified in the [Reserved List Policy \(2008-03\)](#), provided they can demonstrate to AICTEC that they are authorised to do so under the relevant Commonwealth legislation.

