



Dear Registry Operators,

To prepare for any upcoming or ongoing Material Subcontracting Arrangement (MSA) Change submission, this is a courtesy notice that ICANN has updated the [Registry System Testing \(RSTv1.0\)](#) process and documentation to incorporate testing of the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) and to align RST with Registry Operators' existing RDAP obligations.

How does this impact you? This update relates to RST v1.0 used within the process for registry operators to change their registry service provider, the [MSA Change service](#).

For registry operators scheduling any MSA Change [RST v1.0](#) appointments **on or after 31 August 2026**, please note that RDAP testing will be included as one of the required test elements. The RDAP test verifies that the Registry's RDAP service conforms to the applicable IETF RDAP RFCs and the [gTLD RDAP Profile](#). Conformance will be verified in accordance with [RST 2.0 Test Specifications, Section 5.3](#) [\[icann.github.io\]](#) (Registration Data Access Protocol) and will be performed manually using the [ICANN RDAP Conformance Tool](#) [\[github.com\]](#).

For any questions, please contact [ICANN Global Support](#).

Best regards,

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