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## ARGENTINA: New Platform for Domain Name Registration

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The Network Information Center Argentina (NIC-Argentina) recently announced on its website [www.nic.ar](http://www.nic.ar) that a new platform was implemented on July 4, 2016, for managing “.ar” domain names.

In order to register, administer, or dispute .ar extensions, it will now be necessary to be registered with the Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos (AFIP), the federal tax authority.

Registrants should enter their tax code and password on AFIP's website and then choose NIC-Argentina from the menu provided. The new platform will validate the information using AFIP's database.

**The previous system did not require this step.** Registrants only had to be registered with NIC-Argentina with a username and password, which allowed them to operate and administer domain names under a single account.

NIC-Argentina noted that this new platform does not mean that AFIP will have access to a domain name's information. In addition, it will not have access to the tax information of the user.

Foreign or Argentine registrants having no residence in Argentina who were previously registered with NIC-Argentina, will not have to validate their information and they will be able to continue operating with their former username and password.

New foreign or Argentine registrants having no residence in Argentina, who are not registered with AFIP, will have to validate their information using an online form available at NIC-Argentina's website. Moreover, they shall upload duly certified documents translated into Spanish as proof of their identity. Original documents must be later submitted to NIC-Argentina's office within 60 days of the online filing.

Under this new platform's regulation, the renewal grace period is 45 days. The previous system provided a grace period of 30 days. However, according to NIC-Argentina's website, this grace period **has been temporarily extended** in order to have more time for domain names to be renewed. Therefore, the grace period to renew domain names will temporarily be the following: 135 days for domain names that expired between June 1 and October 1, 2016; 75 days for domain names with an expiration date between October 2 and November 1, 2016. Domain names expiring on or after November 2, 2016 will have a grace period of 45 days.

This new system follows a policy whereby all public procedures shall be integrated into one single platform in order to make them easier to process. NIC-Argentina is one of the first organizations to add its services to this platform.

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