New Zealand Companies Office - Using ICT for Effective Business Registration Services

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Using ICT for effective business registration services

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New Zealand path

- Automate back office processes
- Refine data set – back capture missing data
- Expose data to users
- Introduce online transactions
- Value added transactions
Automation 1980 - 1990

- 1980’s Central Index exists on a government mainframe computer.
- Data set held:
  - Company name
  - Status
  - Contact address (x1)
- Time to incorporate a company on average 90 days
- Internal system used exclusively for name approvals

Automation 1990 - 1992

- 1990’s move to 3 Wang VS computers (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch)
- Data set increased to:
  - Name, Status
  - Statutory Addresses
  - Director Names and Addresses
  - Shareholder details
  - Document lists
- Time to incorporate a company on average 24 hours
- Internal system used for name approvals and company incorporation

- Wang Chapter 11 Bankruptcy!
- Proprietary System ‘closed system'
- Move to ORACLE & PC based application
- Companies Act 1993 introduced
- REGIS (REGIS Registry Information System)
- Introduced touch screen kiosks in search rooms
- World first - Internet searching [1993]
- World first – Internet Name Reservations [1996]
- World first – Internet Company Incorporations
- Time to incorporate a company online average 40 minutes
- External & Internal system used for name approvals, incorporations

Automation 1998 - 2009

- Introduced the Company Key – allowed maintenance of non-fee transactions
- Enhanced our Government to Business (g2b) services
- Connected to other agencies (Inland Revenue)
- Connected to other countries (Australia)
- Introduced more comprehensive websites
- Introduced mobile services
Underpinning philosophy

- Moved the entry of data to the client side
- Focus on integrity and service availability
- Simplification
Malo e lelei | Welcome to the Companies Office of the Kingdom of Tonga

The Companies Office of Tonga is an electronic register available to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our website also provides a range of resources and information about companies to help you use the Companies Office online services.

We hope you will spend some time browsing to gain a sense of the information and support available.

Site shortcuts
- Search the register
- Ask a question
- Forms and fees
- Contact us

What's New
- Regular maintenance window to change
  From Sunday 17th January 2010 the Companies Office will be...
  Read more...
- Registry presentation from 18 November 2009
  Presentation of the new companies office web site and re-registration...
  Read more...
- Welcome to the Tongan Companies Office
  The Tongan Companies Register is now online...
  Read more...
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Company Search

To Search:
- Enter at least the first three characters of the company name
- OR
- Complete company number

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