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Transforming SaudiNIC

A Journey from Direct Registration to
Registry-Registrar Model

السعودية.

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Saudi Domain Overview

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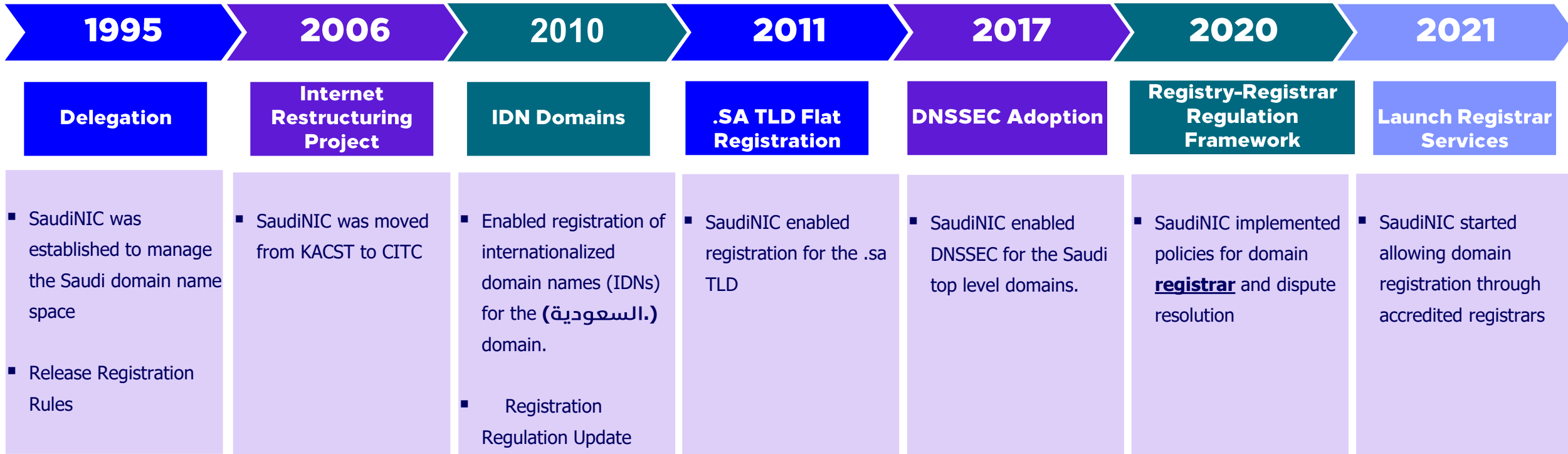


Saudi Network Information Center (SaudiNIC) has been responsible for administering the domain name space for Saudi Arabia (.SA)

and the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) ccTLD (السعودية.)

since 1995. It operates the Saudi DNS root servers and registry services under Saudi TLDs.

Key Milestones in Saudi Domain History



Why Move to a Saudi Registrar Model ?



**Stimulating
innovation and
creativity**



**Adopt international
Best Practices**



**Empowering
National Expertise**



**Promoting Arabic
domains**



**Introduce new
markets in local Tech
Sector**



**Provide Add-ons
Services
(One-Stop Shop)**

State before registry - registrar model



Portal Registration

Registration services offered by our portal (www.nic.sa)



Streamlined Processes

Streamlined processes with over 25 meticulously documented steps



Innovative Technologies

Leveraging innovative open-source technologies for enhanced efficiency



Seamless Integration

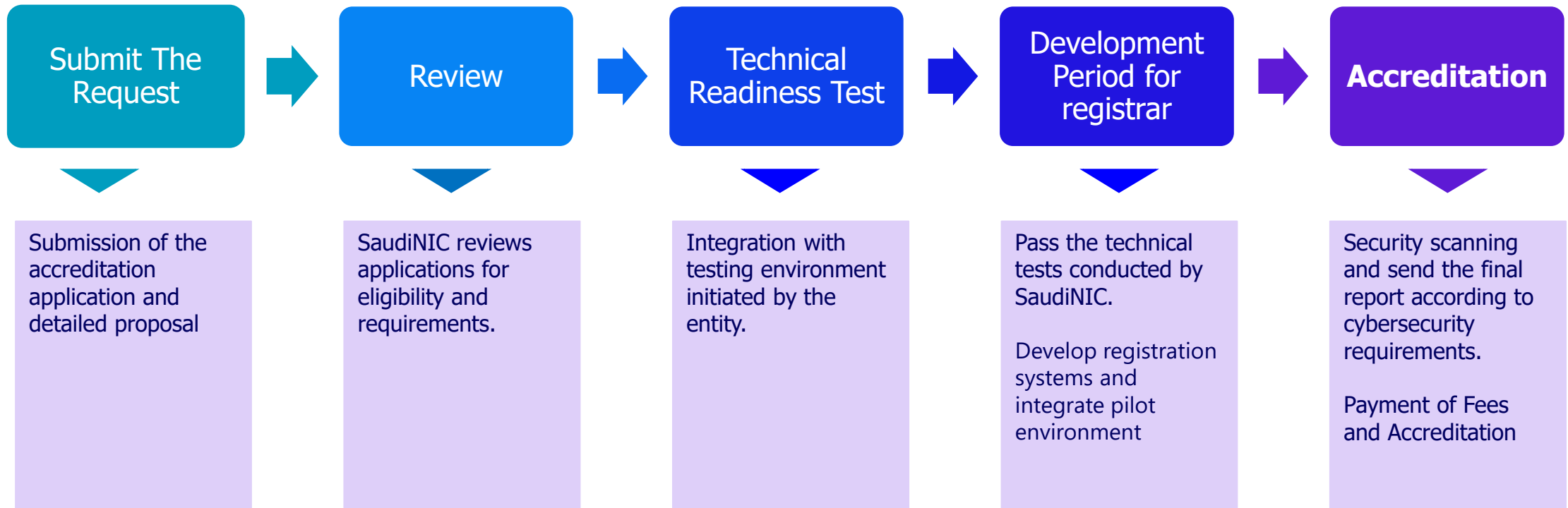
Seamless integration with the Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Interior



Preparation For Transition



Registrar Accreditation Process



Lunching – communication plan

2020

Q1

- ❖ Update policies and rules.
- ❖ Send email notifications to inform about the changes in policies and rules, and also notify about registration fees.

2020

Q3

- ❖ Update policies and rules.
- ❖ Send email notifications to inform about the changes in policies and rules, and also notify about registration fees.

2021

Q1

- ❖ Announce the accredited registrar.
- ❖ Provide a grace period until the end of 2021 for domain transfers.
- ❖ Explain the transfer procedure
- ❖ prepare the registrar and highlight the timeline for the changes.
- ❖ End direct registration service

2021

Q3

- ❖ Continuously announce domain transfers to encourage registrants.
- ❖ Send regular reminders about the approaching end of the grace period.
- ❖ Announce the end date for domain modification requests.

2022

- ❖ Continue sending constant reminders to ensure maximum participation.
- ❖ Create a dedicated web page to display transfer period details.
- ❖ Publish a comprehensive transfer guide to assist users through the transfer process.

Current Hierarchy



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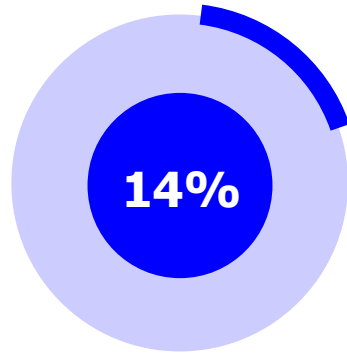


Private Sector and Individuals



Government sector

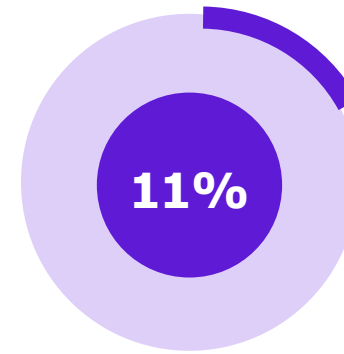
Domain Transfers and Customer Satisfaction with Registrars



Percentage Increase in Newly Registered Domains

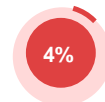


Domain Renewal Rate



Domain Growth

Registrar Market Shares



Future Developments



Premium Domains



**After-market Enablement
for Saudi domain names.**



**Improve Saudi domain
names infrastructure to
achieve goals of resilience,
availability, and security**

