



Terms of Service

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1. Definitions

- 1.1. "Customer" means the person or entity who ordered services provided by Soul Media Solutions.
- 1.2. "Customer Service" means the relationship between Soul Media Solutions staff and the Customer, with the purpose of assisting the Customer with a question they have asked.
- 1.3. "eTicket" refers to a secure electronic message sent by the Customer to Soul Media Solutions via MyAccount Portal for assistance or for any questions they may have with any Service(s).
- 1.4. "Registry" refers to person(s) or entity(ies) responsible for providing registry services. These services include customer database administration, zone file publication, DNS and DNSSEC operation, marketing and policy determination in regard to a top-level domain name. A Registry may outsource some, all, or none of these services. Different registries exist for different TLDs.
- 1.5. "Service", "Service(s)" or "Services" means any product(s) or service(s) the Customer has signed up to use. This can include, but is not limited to, the provisioning of space on one of our servers and a connection to and from the internet for web, email hosting and/or FTP services to function at the level specified in the chosen service level, domain name registration or transfer or renewal, SSL, VPS and SMS services. These product(s) and service(s) are identified in full within the "sign up" and "service provision" emails Soul Media Solutions has sent after the Customer requests the service. The specific details of the Services can be found by logging in to MyAccount Portal or on our website
- 1.6. "Synergy Wholesale" means Synergy Wholesale Pty Ltd.
- 1.7. "Soul Media Solutions" means Soul Media Solutions Pty Ltd.
- 1.8. "MyAccount Portal" refers to Soul Media Solutions' customer account, billing and management portal, available online at <https://soulmediasolutions.com.au/client/clientarea.php>

2. Acceptance

- 2.1. The Customer signified acceptance of our Terms of Service as well as our Acceptable Use Policy, Privacy Policy, Customer Service Policy and any applicable Registrant Agreement, when they submitted their order to Soul Media Solutions for Services, and that order was accepted.
- 2.2. The Customer acknowledges that they are solely responsible for ensuring that all Service(s) are in full compliance with this policy, and that they are solely responsible for the files and applications that have been uploaded and executed.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Customer agrees to receive emails directly relating to the Service(s) provided, as well as marketing and promotional emails from Soul Media Solutions to the email address registered to their account. The Customer can unsubscribe from marketing and promotional emails only.
- 3.2. Customers with eligible services may receive service specific notifications (including, but not limited to suspension notices) via SMS to their mobile device if a mobile number is present in MyAccount Portal.
- 3.3. If the Customer does not want to receive these mandatory service-specific emails and/or SMS messages (where applicable), they are required to cancel all active Services and close their Account, in accordance with Section 11 of this policy. The Customer may, however, opt-out

from receiving marketing and promotional emails at any time by disabling them in MyAccount Portal.

4. Availability of Services

4.1. While Soul Media Solutions will endeavour to provide continuous availability of all Service(s) to the

Customer, Soul Media Solutions will not be liable for any Service interruptions or downtime that is not covered by a Service Level Agreement (where applicable).

4.2. Scheduled maintenance will be performed at a time which is deemed suitable by Soul Media Solutions Australia, and should it require any Services to be offline for greater than thirty (30) minutes, Soul Media Solutions will post details of the scheduled maintenance at least two (2) days prior.

4.3. Unscheduled maintenance will be performed as required by Soul Media Solutions, and should any

Service(s) be offline for greater than thirty (30) minutes, Soul Media Solutions will post details of the maintenance and any updates until it have been completed. Details of these events can be found on the MyAccount Portal.

5. Domain Names

5.1. The Customer acknowledges that any domain name registration, transfer or renewal will be processed through Synergy Wholesale.

5.2. The Customer acknowledges that they have read, and agree to any applicable Registrant Agreement before purchasing any Domain Name(s) from Soul Media Solutions.

5.3. The Customer acknowledges that all Domain Name(s) are non-refundable once the order has been accepted and processed by Soul Media Solutions.

5.4. Soul Media Solutions does not warrant or guarantee that a Domain Name registration will be approved by the Registry, irrespective of whether the invoice for the Domain Name(s) has been paid. The Customer should take no action in respect of the requested Domain Name(s) until they have been notified by Soul Media Solutions that the Domain Name(s) have been successfully registered and the Customer has verified the registration through public WHOIS lookup.

5.5. The registration and on-going use of the Domain Name(s) are subject to the relevant naming authority's terms of service and any applicable Registrant Agreement. The Customer is responsible for ensuring awareness of these terms and that they are adhered to.

5.6. The Customer waives any right to make claim against Soul Media Solutions in respect to a decision made by any Registry or Regulatory Body to refuse registration, renewal, transfer or continued use of a Domain Name.

5.7. The Customer acknowledges that Soul Media Solutions is not obligated to renew a Domain Name

if the Customer has;

- a. not confirmed to Soul Media Solutions that the domain name is to be renewed, or
- b. the invoice for renewal has not been paid in full, or
- c. it is determined that the Customer does not satisfy the eligibility criteria to continue holding the Domain Name license.

In these circumstances, Soul Media Solutions will not be held liable by the Customer for any loss or damages. All renewal requests must be submitted via MyAccount Portal and it is the Customer's responsibility to confirm that the renewal request has been successfully processed in full.

5.8. Domain Name registration, renewal or transfer may be declined by Soul Media Solutions if the Customer is in breach of the Terms of Service, Acceptable Use Policy, Customer Service Policy or any applicable Registrant Agreement, or the customer has other unpaid invoices in their account.

5.9. It is the Customer's responsibility to ensure that the Registrant, Technical and Administrative contact information is kept up to date on every domain name. As per registry-registrar policy and agreements, Soul Media Solutions will use the Registrant contact information to advise the Customer of any pending expiry, renewal or transfer requests relating to the domain name.

5.10. Should the Customer choose to terminate all Service(s) with Soul Media Solutions, but does not transfer a Domain Name to another registrar, the Customer agrees that Soul Media Solutions may contact the Customer after the Account closure to advise of any domain name expiry, renewal or transfer request.

5.11. The Customer warrants that Soul Media Solutions is authorised to act as the Designated Agent to approve any changes to made to registrant contact details on behalf of the old or new registrant for any generic top-level domains governed by ICANN.

5.12. Enabling 'ID protection' on any generic top-level domain governed by ICANN is not considered a material change the registrant data given that as per ICANN requirements the Registrar holds all original registrant data.

6. Customer General Warranties and Undertaking

6.1. The Customer warrants that any information supplied to Soul Media Solutions is true and correct and will be kept current and up to date via MyAccount Portal .

6.2. The Customer warrants that they will keep all passwords and sensitive information in a secure location and this information is not shared with any other party.

6.3. The Customer warrants that at the time of entering into this agreement they are not relying on any representation made by Soul Media Solutions, its staff, agents or affiliates, which has not been expressly stated in this agreement.

6.4. The Customer agrees that they are solely responsible for dealing with cases of unauthorised third parties accessing their Account and/or Service(s). These matters should be referred to the Australian Federal Police for investigation as soon as possible.

7. Soul Media Solutions General Warranties and Undertaking

7.1. Soul Media Solutions shall not be liable to the Customer for harm caused by or related to the Customer's Service(s) or inability to utilise the Service(s) unless caused by gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

7.2. Soul Media Solutions shall not be liable to the Customer for lost profits, direct or indirect, special or incidental, consequential or punitive; or damages of any kind whether or not they were known or should have been known.

7.3. Notwithstanding anything else in this agreement, the maximum aggregate liability that Soul Media Solutions, any of its employees, agents or affiliates, under any theory of law, shall not exceed a payment in excess of the amount paid by the Customer for the Service in question for the six months prior to the occurrence of the event(s) giving rise to the claim.

7.4. Soul Media Solutions does not warrant that:

- a. Any Service(s) provided will be uninterrupted or error free;
- b. The Service(s) will meet your requirements, other than as expressly set out in this agreement;
- c. The Service(s) will not be subjected to external hacking attempts, viruses, worms, denial of service attacks, or other persons gaining unauthorised access to the Service(s) or any Soul Media Solutions system.

7.5. Soul Media Solutions does not make or give any express or implied warranties including, without limitation, the warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, or arising from a course of dealing, usage or trade practice, with respect to any goods or services provided under or incidental to this agreement.

7.6. In no event will Soul Media Solutions be liable to the Customer for any loss of business, contracts, profits or anticipated savings or for any other indirect or consequential or economic loss whatsoever.

7.7. Third party services engaged by the client through cPanel including but not limited to SEO and web design tools are done so at the Customer(s) own undertaking. Soul Media Solutions does not provide any express or implied warranty on the quality of their product(s) nor the outcomes expected and is under no obligation to extend support for externally managed or purchased products.

8. Accounts and Billing

8.1. The Customer agrees to a month to month contract term for Service(s) unless otherwise stated in the Service offering (e.g. domain names, SSL certificates, special Service(s) with an agreed term), or otherwise agreed in writing. The month to month contract for Service(s) is automatically renewed each month in perpetuity subject to cancellation by the Customer.

8.2. Monthly Service(s) are established as part thereof, signifying the beginning of a new month demotes commitment till the end of that monthly period.

8.3. In relation to fees for Service(s):

a. Fees for Service(s) ordered by the Customer shall begin on the date of the initial order and shall be prorated to include all days until the first day of the next month, and the chosen billing cycle in advance. This may be monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, biennially or triennially.

b. The first day of the month will serve as the anniversary date for all future billings including one time fees, upgrades, additional services, cancellations and service credits, unless the Service(s) only allows annual or biennial billing cycles (e.g. domain name registrations, SSL certificates, et cetera).

c. Fees are due in advance of the billing cycle and will be invoiced to the Customer ten (10) days prior to the due date. If a credit card is stored in the Account it will be charged three (3) days prior to the due date to allow sufficient time for any potential issues (such as insufficient funds, expired cards, et cetera) to be rectified before the due date.

8.4. In relation to fees for upgrades to Service(s):

a. Upgrades ordered by the Customer on the billing anniversary date will be billed for a full cycle and will continue each cycle on the anniversary date, unless the Service(s) only allows annual or biennial billing cycles (eg. domain name registrations, et cetera).

b. Upgrades ordered by the Customer after the billing anniversary date will be prorated to the next anniversary date at the full monthly cost. Future fees will appear as the new plan from your existing anniversary billing date.

c. Fees for upgrades will be payable within seven (7) days of the upgrade taking place. If a credit card is stored in the Account it will be charged three (3) days prior to the due date to allow sufficient time for any potential issues (such as insufficient funds, expired cards, et cetera) to be rectified before the due date.

d. Additional fees may be payable for upgrades where manual work is required by Soul Media Solutions to process the upgrade request.

8.5. In relation to fees for downgrades to Service(s):

- a. Downgrades will be processed when the request is received from the Customer, unless otherwise specified in the request.
- b. An Account credit will be issued to the Customer's Account for the difference of any prorated pre-paid amount minus the cost of the new plan prorated on the chosen cycle.
- c. Additional fees may be payable for downgrades where manual work is required by Soul Media Solutions to process the downgrade request.

8.6. Fees for one-off Service(s) including, but not limited to, dedicated IP addresses, SSL certificates, SMS credits, instant data blocks and instant disk blocks, are due within seven (7) days of the invoice being issued.

8.7. All published prices are inclusive of any government taxes and charges unless otherwise noted.

8.8. Any unpaid invoices in the Customer's Account must be paid in full before new Service(s) will be provisioned.

8.9. Failure to pay any fees may result in the account being referred to an external collection agency, which may include interest (calculated daily) and collection costs.

8.10. Service(s) with unpaid invoices that are more than seven (7) days past the due date will be automatically suspended, with full payment for all outstanding invoices & late payment fees required before the Service(s) can be reactivated.

8.11 A late payment fee will be added to invoices that are paid past their due date; the late payment fee is \$10.00 including GST.

8.12. Services with unpaid invoices that are not paid in full within fourteen (14) days of the due date will be automatically terminated. Restoration of terminated Service(s) is subject to Soul Media Solutions Terms of Service.

9. Payments by Credit Card

9.1. In the event a new Service is ordered by the Customer with payment via credit card, this credit card information may be stored against on the Customer's Account and may be used for future automatic invoice payments.

9.2. Where a credit card number is stored on the Customer's Account, this may be automatically used for the payment of due invoices. In such cases, payments will typically be taken three (3) days prior to the due date of the invoice.

9.3. Credit & Debit Card surcharge of 2.9% is applicable for all international (non-Australian) issued cards.

9.4. Credit & Debit Card payments with a value of \$1000.00 inc. GST AUD or more will attract a 1.75% surcharge in addition to any other applicable surcharge mentioned in clause 9.3.

9.5. Surcharge will be visible on the next months invoice.

10. Refunds

10.1. The following Service(s) are not eligible for a refund if the Service has been successfully provisioned by one of Soul Media Solutions suppliers:

- a. Domain names;
- b. SSL certificates;
- c. SMS credits; and
- d. Software licences.
- e. Any shared cPanel web hosting Service;
- f. Any shared WHM (Reseller) web hosting Service;
- g. Any dedicated email hosting Service; and
- h. Any VPS hosting Service.
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- l. Any VPS hosting Service.

10.4. The Customer will not be entitled to a refund if any of Soul Media Solutions Terms, Policies and Agreements have been breached by the Customer.

10.5. All other refunds will be processed at the sole discretion of Soul Media Solutions, in-line with the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission's published policies and guidelines. More information can be found at <http://www.accc.gov.au/consumers/consumer-rights-guarantees> .

11. Cancellation

11.1. The Customer can request cancellation of their Account or any Service(s) for any reason by logging in to MyAccount Portal and submitting a cancellation request. For security reasons, we will not accept cancellation requests by any other method.

11.2. Any prepaid fees for Service(s) past the current billing month will be forfeited.

11.3. The Customer agrees to pay any outstanding invoices upon cancellation of their Service(s).

11.4. If the Customer requests cancellation of a Service after the invoice for the renewal of the Service has been paid; a refund will be issued in accordance with the Refunds subsection of this agreement.

12. Suspension and Termination of Service(s)

12.1. Soul Media Solutions may suspend or terminate Service(s) if:

a. The Customer is found to be in breach of any policy including but not limited to the Terms of Services, Acceptable Use Policy, Customer Service Policy or any applicable Registrant Agreement;

b. The Customer has become insolvent or bankrupt;

c. The Customer has unpaid invoices.

12.2. Soul Media Solutions may decide at its sole discretion to advise a Customer that their Account and/or Service(s) will be terminated by giving fourteen (14) days written notice, and any applicable refunds will be processed as per the Refunds subsection of this agreement.

12.3. If a Customer's Account is closed for any reason, or any Service(s) suspended or terminated, the Customer must pay all outstanding invoices by the due dates.

12.4. If a web hosting, dedicated email hosting or VPS Service is suspended or terminated for any reason, Soul Media Solutions is under no obligation to provide the Customer with a copy of any data associated with the Service(s). Soul Media Solutions may provide the customer with a backup of the data, if it is available, for a fee of \$499.95.

13. Data Management

13.1. It is the Customer's sole responsibility to maintain regular offsite backups of their data. The Customer will not hold Soul Media Solutions liable for incomplete, out of date or corrupt data recovered from backups and archives.

13.2. For shared cPanel web hosting, shared WHM (Reseller) web hosting and dedicated email hosting Service(s), Soul Media Solutions makes every reasonable effort to backup and archive the Customer's data on a regular basis for the sole purpose of disaster recovery. Soul Media Solutions does not take automated system backups of Virtual Private Server (VPS) Service(s) or any other Service(s) unless explicitly stated.

13.3. In the event of hard disk failure or data corruption of a shared cPanel web hosting or dedicated email hosting server, Soul Media Solutions will restore data from the last known verified archive. If backup and archived data appears to be corrupt, the Customer should be prepared to upload all of their data to their Service(s) from their own copy or an off-site backup; and re-create all mailboxes, databases, FTP accounts, et cetera.

13.4. If the Customer requires Soul Media Solutions to supply a backup of their data for an active shared

cPanel web hosting, shared WHM (Reseller) web hosting or dedicated email hosting Service, for any reason or purpose that is not the direct fault of Soul Media Solutions, a fee of \$69.95 per Service will be payable by the Customer before the data will be made available. Services in a suspended, cancelled or terminated state within MyAccount Portal are not considered an active Service.

13.5. Soul Media Solutions is under no obligation to maintain a backup of the Customer's data following

the suspension or cancellation of the Service for any reason.

13.6. Soul Media Solutions holds no responsibility for any issues which arise during the use of third party services issues which occur as a result of failed upgrade attempts by the Customer are outside the

control of Soul Media Solutions.

14. Use of Identity

14.1. The Customer agrees that the use of any Soul Media Solutions logo or company information is within approved marketing guidelines.

14.2. Soul Media Solutions agrees not to use a Customer name, logos or information without prior written consent of the Customer.

15. Governing Law

15.1. The Customer agrees to abide by all local, state and federal laws pursuant to the Service(s) delivered by Soul Media Solutions.

15.2. The Customer agrees that these and all Soul Media Solutions Terms, Policies and Agreements are

governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia, and agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of that state.

16. Changes

16.1. Soul Media Solutions may amend our Terms of Service at any time. Changes to this agreement will become effective upon their publication to our website.

16.2. Continued use of the Service(s) constitutes acceptance of the amended terms. If you do not wish to accept the amended terms, you may request cancellation of your Services) in-line with our cancellation policy found within our Terms of Service.

If you have any questions about this agreement, please contact our Customer Care team via email at info@soulmediasolutions.com.au

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