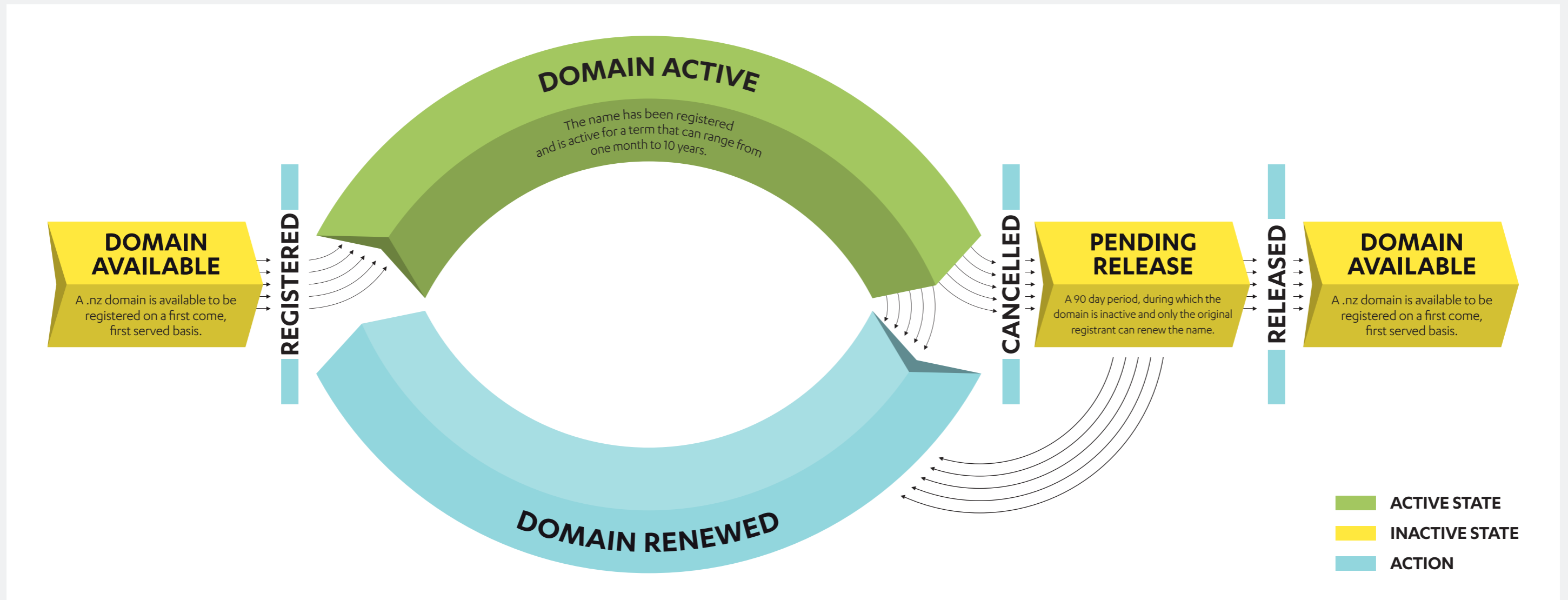


THE LIFECYCLE OF A DOMAIN NAME



REGISTERED

The name is registered for a period ranging from 1 month to 10 years. Upon registration there is a 5 day grace period during which registrants are unable to transfer the name to another registrar.

CANCELLED

At the conclusion of the registered term, the domain name ceases to be registered and it is cancelled. At this point a domain name will stop working if it is being used for the likes of a website or email.

RELEASED

At the conclusion of the pending release period, if the domain has not been renewed for another term, the domain name is released and becomes available to be registered on a first come first served basis.

This is a simplified lifecycle diagram representing the typical registration and release situation for a .nz domain name.
There are special instances where a name may be cancelled, locked or re-instated.
Further information on .nz policies can be found at www.dnc.org.nz