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Change to assignment policy for AS numbers

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- A change to APNIC-094
- “Policies for Autonomous System number management in the Asia Pacific region”
  - <http://www.apnic.net/policy/asn-policy.html>

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- The policy seeks to create awareness earlier within the community for the need to support 4-byte AS numbers without mandating an absolute final adoption of 4-byte AS numbers.

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- Current policy
- 1 January 2007 APNIC assigns two-byte AS numbers by default. APNIC assigns four-byte AS numbers on request.
- 1 January 2009 APNIC assigns four-byte AS numbers by default APNIC assigns two-byte AS numbers on request.
- 1 January 2010 APNIC ceases to make any distinction between two- and four-byte AS numbers. APNIC assigns from an undifferentiated four-byte AS number pool.

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- Problem

- Specific jump from “must request 2byte” to general 4
- Providers are likely to continue to request 2byte
  - Lack of pressure to Vendors/Service Provide

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- Seeks to create feedback by involving the Provider/Pe the resource request.
- CUSTOMER -> LIR -> PROVIDER -> VENDOR

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- Details of the Proposal
- From 01/07/09 an LIR requesting a 2-Byte AS number would need to demonstrate they cannot announce a 4-Byte AS

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- Proposed policy
- 1 January 2007 APNIC assigns two-byte AS numbers by default  
APNIC assigns four-byte AS numbers on request.
- 1 January 2009 APNIC assigns four-byte AS numbers by default.  
APNIC assigns two-byte AS numbers on request.
- 1 July 2009 APNIC assigns four-byte AS numbers by default.  
APNIC assigns two-byte AS numbers if a four-byte AS number is demonstrated to be unsuitable
- 1 January 2010 APNIC ceases to make any distinction between

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- Key Benefits

- - Makes more service providers aware of the requirement to support 4Byt
- - Information on the status of support will be documented
- - Providers will put pressure on Vendors
- - Increases the chance of orderly transition

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- Key Disadvantages
  - - Will create more work per AS assignment for APNIC staff

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- Mailing List feedback
  - - positive support
  - - request for APNIC to publish providers lacking support
  - - suggestion it would be interesting to raise at ARIN
  - - suggestion to remove “request 2byte” stage (1/1/09)
  - - suggestion to push default allocation out till exhaustion

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- Questions/Comments ?