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| MAC address policy ANQP-element |
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Abstract

This document proposes a new MAC address policy ANQP-element. This enables a STA to advertise that it has a relationship with a BSS that assigns MAC addresses based on a locally administered scheme.

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***Modify the table in the following clause as shown:***

* + 1. Access Network Query Protocol (ANQP) elements(11u)

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| Table 9-330 ANQP-element definitions(11u) |
| ANQP-element name | Info ID | ANQP- (Ed)element (subclause) |
| Reserved | 0 – 255 | n/a |
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| MAC address policy | <ANA> | 9.4.5.29 (MAC address policy ANQP-element) |
| Reserved | <ANA+1> – 56796 | n/a |
| Vendor Specific | 56797 | 9.4.5.8 (Vendor Specific ANQP-element) |
| Reserved | 56798 – 65535 | n/a |

***Add the following subclause***

**9.4.5.29 MAC address policy ANQP-element**

The MAC address policy ANQP-element provides an indication of the parameters and protocols managed by a MAC address policy of the BSS.

The format of the MAC address policy ANQP-element is defined in Figure 9-820a.

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|  | Info ID | Length | MAC address Policy | CID (Optional) |
| Octets: | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

**Figure 9-820a – MAC address policy ANQP-element format**

The Info ID and Length fields are defined in 9.4.5.1 (General).

The MAC address policy field is a 1-octet field with various values used to advertise specific MAC address policies supported by the transmitting STA (typically an access point connected to a BSS). The values are defined as shown in Figure 9-820b

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| **MAC address policy field value** | **Description of MAC address policy** |
| 0 | No MAC address policy |
| 1 | Use a random MAC address within the full range of the local space. |
| 2 | Use a globally unique MAC addresses. |
| 3 | Use a MAC address within the IEEE 802c-2017 Administratively Assigned Identifier (AAI) Space. The complete MAC address comprises the 2 bits of the AAI SLAP quadrant plus the local/global bit and the unicast/multicast bit and then the rest of the bits are random. |
| 4 | Use a MAC address within the IEEE 802c-2017 Extended Local Identifier (ELI) space. The complete MAC address comprises the 2 bits of the ELI SLAP quadrant plus the local/global bit and the unicast/multicast bit and then the rest of the bits comprise a specific CID1 with the remaining bits being a random number. |
| 5 | Use a MAC address configured by local administrator out-of-band |
| 6 - 255 | Reserved |

**Figure 9-820b – MAC address policy field format**

1When the MAC address policy field value is 4, the Company Identifier (CID) field may be provided by the transmitting STA to assist the receiving STA.

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11.23.3.3 ANQP procedures(11u)

11.23.3.3.1 General(Ed)

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| Table 11-15 ANQP usage (11u) |
|  |  | BSS | IBSS |
| ANQP-element Name | ANQP-element (subclause)(Ed) | ANQP-element Type | AP | Non-AP STA | STA |
| MAC address policy | 9.4.5.29 (MAC address policy ANQP-element) | S | T | R | — |
| **Symbols**Q element is an ANQP queryS element is an ANQP responseT ANQP-element may be transmitted by MAC entityR ANQP-element may be received by MAC entity— ANQP-element is neither transmitted nor received by MAC entity |

***Insert the following subclause***

**11.23.3.3.16 MAC address policy procedure**

The MAC address policy ANQP-element is used to discover the MAC address policy for a BSS. The STA receiving the MAC address policy ANQP element may use this information to configure its MAC address when it selects the BSS for association.