

.taipei Domain Registration Policy

Taipei City Government is the Top Level Domain registry operator for .taipei (hereinafter referred to as Registry). .taipei Domain Registration Policy sets forth the rules concerning .taipei Top Level Domain Name registration in General Availability.

● **Registration Agreement**

The agreement about the registration of the domain name will be agreed between the registrant and an ICANN-accredited registrar, who must also be accredited with .taipei Registry. There is no contractual relationship between .taipei Registry and the registrant. By agreeing a registration agreement, the registrar obliges the registrant to accept all of the ICANN consensus policies and the registration guidelines and ensures compliance with them henceforth.

● **Characters which can be registered**

A domain name must:

1. consist of Chinese simplified or traditional characters, the letters A-Z, the numbers 0-9 and hyphens;
2. not begin or end with a hyphen.
3. contain at least not less than 3 characters and not exceed 63 characters (for nonASCII label, this criteria is applied to the length of punycode transferred from Chinese label);
4. not contain consecutive hyphens, except where two consecutive hyphens (-) are used in the 3rd and 4th positions, when preceded by “xn” and followed by a label that corresponds with an IDN containing characters.
5. contain at least one Unicode (Chinese) character.

● **Registration Eligibility**

Any individual or entity is eligible to register domain names in the .taipei TLD. No proof is required from the registrant to apply to register or to register a domain name under .taipei.

● **Domain Name Allocation**

Domain name registration will be effective on a first-come-first-serve basis. With the registration, this domain name will no longer be available for other registrations until

the registration expires and is not renewed or until the domain is deleted.

- **Term of Registration**

Domain names may be registered for a period of 1-10 years. The term of registration shall commence on the date of registration of the domain name, and shall expire on the same day of the same month in the following year.

- **Reserved and Restricted Names**

The reserved and restricted names are described in reserved and restricted names policy. The list of reserved domain names shall be revised at the .taipei Registry's discretion.

- **Domain Name Dispute Resolution**

The dispute arising from the conflict between any applicant's domain name registration and trademark holders, will be resolved by complying with the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy established by ICANN ("UDRP") or the Uniform Rapid Suspension Policy ("URS") constituted by ICANN.

- **Whois Database**

All registered domain names will be added to a publicly accessible whois database. In addition to the domain names, the information contractually specified by ICANN is also entered there. Registrant shall immediately correct and update the Contact Information during the term of the domain name registration.

- **Personal data protection**

.taipei Registrant's Contact Information is collected by the Registrar (or its reseller) and will be transmitted to .taipei Registry and processed for the purposes of registering and maintaining Registrant's .taipei domain name. Specifically, Registrant should acknowledge that the Contact Information will be:

1. Processed to provide registry services, as required by ICANN;
2. Made publicly available through the Whois database service, where the Contact Information can be consulted, on a query-by-query basis, by anybody with access to the Internet;
3. Transmitted to NCC Group, a reputable escrow agent, to be held in escrow, with

no use other than verification that the deposited data is complete, consistent, and in proper format, until released to ICANN. In the event the escrow agreement is released, ICANN or its assignee shall have a non-exclusive irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free license for any use related to the operation, maintenance or transition of the .taipei TLD.

4. Additionally, contact Information may be made available to ICANN for inspection.

The Contact Information will not be processed in a manner incompatible with these purposes. .taipei Registry will take reasonable precautions to protect the Registrant's Contact Information from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration or destruction, as well as undertaking any other security measure required by applicable Law.

By applying for a .taipei domain name, the Registrant agrees to the processing the Contact Information in accordance with this policy and, specifically, Registrant expressly consents to the use, copying, distribution, publication, modification and other processing and transferring of the Contact Information in a manner consistent with the purposes specified above and with relevant mandatory local data protection and privacy laws.

● The Registrant's Duties

.taipei Registry is not obliged to check whether a registered domain name or its use violates the rights of third parties. The registrant thus provides a legally binding declaration.

1. that they are entitled to register the domain name,
2. that the domain name does not violate or encroach on the rights of any third parties,
3. that the domain name and its (intended) use do not violate the provisions and/or laws and/or regulations of the Republic of China, Taiwan or other relevant laws,
4. that they have not registered or will use the domain name for abusive, speculative or anticompetitive purposes, and that they have checked this.

The registrant agrees not to register domain names through which the incorrect impression could arise that it concerns a domain name, content or service provided by Taipei's public authorities.

1. using abbreviations, new combinations, incorrect spellings, with additions, separated by punctuation or other variations which correspond to terms or combinations of terms used by Taipei's public authorities.
2. which violate ethical principles or law or which endanger Taipei's reputation.
3. which contain words or fragments of words which as generally, objectively perceived, could be felt to be indecent. This includes above all swear words, invectives and racist words or words or parts of words which could violate ethical, religious or moral sensibilities.

● **Suspension, Deletion and Transfer**

1. .taipei Registry is entitled to block domains which do not correspond to the registration guidelines, and to suspend, to initiate the deletion or to transfer them if:
 - 1.1 the registrar has not paid the domain fees to .taipei Registry,
 - 1.2 the registrant has persistently violated the registration policy and, despite warnings and deadlines being set, continues to violate them,
 - 1.3 the domain name contains an obviously illegal statement,
 - 1.4 the registrant has agreed in writing, with no restrictions and under penalty of law, to not use the domain name.
 - 1.5 the use of the domain or its content are obviously abusive and could harm the general public, for example by illegal and fraudulent activities, copyright infringement, spam, phishing, pharming, spreading malware, botnet activities, child pornography, and other unusual network activities.
 - 1.6 the registration data supplied to .taipei Registry are false.
 - 1.7 upon request from ICANN.
 - 1.8 force majeure, including but not limited to policy of Supervising Agency, administrative injunction of competent authority, current law or demands from related institutions (For example, reserved name, government requirements, domain name dispute resolution and court order.)

.taipei domain name abuse reporting procedure should be referred to .taipei Domain Abuse Policy.

Without prejudice to majority's lawful benefit, .taipei Registry entitles to delete domain name, change contact information according to .taipei Domain Name Abuse Policy. Registrant shall not require any compensation for deletion of domain name.

2. Domain name can be deleted prior the expired date following the registration agreement between registrant and registrar.

- **Indemnification**

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, the registrant shall fully defend, indemnify and hold .taipei Registry harmless from any and all loss, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from any third party claim, action, or demand arising out any dispute in relation to the registration and/or operation of the registrant's .Taipei domain name, including but not limited to disputes.

- **Policy Modifications**

Registry reserves the right to modify this Registration Policy at any time. The revised Registration Policy will be posted at least thirty (30) calendar days before it becomes effective. Unless this version of the Registration Policy has already been invoked by the submission of a complaint or dispute, in which event the version of this Policy in effect at the time it was invoked will apply to the Registrant until the dispute is over, all such changes will be binding upon the Registrant with respect to any domain name registration dispute, whether the dispute arose before, on or after the effective date of the policy modification.