



## Reserved and Restricted Domain Names Policy

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## Definitions

In this document:

**ASCII** means the American Standard Code for Information Interchange. ASCII is an encoding scheme based on the ordering of the English alphabet. ASCII is set of common numerical Code Points for computers and other devices that work with text.

**Code Point** means an assigned code that uniquely identifies a character or glyph in certain languages and scripts. These Code Points are unique numbers for each character, or an aspect of a character such as an accent mark.

**Service** means the services that we provide in relation to the TLD.

**TLD** means Top Level Domain and for the purpose of this policy **the TLD** shall be شبكة.

**VARIANT** means two labels, or two domain names that are considered to be 'equivalent' to each other.

**We, us** and **our** means International Domain Registry Pty Ltd trading as dotShabaka Registry or our designated representatives.

**You** and **your** means the person or entity receiving or accessing the Service.

## About this document

This document describes what domain names may be reserved or restricted from registration in the TLD.



## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the various types of domain names in the TLD that may be reserved, meaning that they are unavailable for registration, or restricted meaning that they may be available for registration under certain conditions.

We have developed this policy with reference to applicable industry standards, and ICANN mandated requirements, and to meet our operational requirements for the TLD.

## General information regarding this policy

The availability of domain names is at all times subject to our policy. Our policy documents can be found at the following link [www.dotshabaka.com](http://www.dotshabaka.com).

### Our use of reserved and restricted labels

Subject always to ICANN mandated requirements; a reserved or restricted label may be allocated or registered to us.

### Notes about Internationalised Domain Names

Where a reserved or restricted label has a Variant, that Variant shall also be reserved or restricted.

Information on domain name composition and Internationalised Domain Names can be found in our Domain Name Composition Policy at the following link [www.dotshabaka.com](http://www.dotshabaka.com).

## Reserved labels

The labels that are reserved in the TLD fall into the following reserved categories:

- Technical operations;
- Country and territory names;
- Names of intergovernmental organisations;
- Certain labels composed of two characters;
- Names of the International Olympic Committee, and those of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and
- Reserved by us.

### Technical operations

The following label in the ASCII character set is reserved in all levels of the TLD:

EXAMPLE



The following labels in the ASCII character set are reserved in all levels of the TLD:

NIC
WWW
IRIS
WHOIS

## Country and territory names

The following label(s) in the ASCII character set and in the Internationalised Domain Name form are reserved in all levels of the TLD:

- The short form (in English) of all country and territory names (including the European Union) contained on the ISO 3166-1 list ([http://www.iso.org/iso/country\\_codes](http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes)).
- Country and territory names described in the United Nations publication:
  - *Technical reference manual for the standardization of geographical names, part three 'Names of Countries of the World'* ([http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/docs/pubs/UNGEGN%20tech%20ref%20manual\\_m87\\_combined.pdf](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/docs/pubs/UNGEGN%20tech%20ref%20manual_m87_combined.pdf)) as published by the Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
  - The list of United Nation member states, in each of the official United Nations languages described in the United Nations publication:
    - *List of Country Names* (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/ungegn/wg1.html>) as submitted by the Working Group on Country Names of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names to the United Nations Conference on the Standardisation of Geographical Names.

## Names of intergovernmental organisations

Names of intergovernmental organisations are reserved at the second level of the TLD.

These labels can be found at the following link <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/reserved>.

## Two-character labels

Certain labels composed of two characters in the ASCII character set are reserved at the second level of the TLD.

## Names of the International Olympic Committee, and those of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Names of the International Olympic Committee and those of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in the ASCII character set and in the Internationalised Domain Name form, are reserved at the second level of the TLD.

These labels can be found at the following link <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registries/reserved>.



## Reserved by us

Other Labels may be reserved by us for our exclusive use, at any level of the TLD.

### Status of reserved labels in the Service

Unless otherwise allocated according to this policy, the response to a WHOIS query for a domain name containing a reserved label, includes a message indicating that the domain name is reserved.

## Restricted labels

We may identify certain labels that will be restricted in the TLD. These labels will be chosen:

- For operational reasons; or
- Due to laws which exist, or which may come into existence; or
- To preserve religious, moral and cultural values.

The labels that are restricted are determined at our absolute discretion, and will not be published.

### Status of restricted labels in the Service

The response to a WHOIS query for a domain name containing a restricted label will return information if we have allowed the domain name to be registered (if the domain name is not registered, data will not be returned).

### Registering a domain name that includes a restricted label

We will consider requests to register a domain name that includes a restricted label. Requests to register such domain names must be approved by us prior to being registered.

In considering your request we may require that you provide additional information including the grounds for which you believe that you should be able to register the label, and your intended use of the domain name.

Our decision to grant or decline such requests will be at our absolute discretion, and we will not communicate the reason for making such determination.

## Amending the list of reserved or restricted labels

We may at our absolute discretion from time to time, subject always to applicable industry standards, and ICANN mandated requirements:

- Add to, delete from and generally amend or modify the list of labels which are reserved or restricted, and the level at which they are reserved or restricted;
- Allow a domain name containing a reserved or restricted label to be registered; or
- Delete a domain name containing a label which is reserved or restricted.

Where we allow a domain name containing a reserved or restricted label to be registered, that domain name may be subject to a Claims Period as described in our Launch Policy.





## Definition and review

This document has been prepared and published to represent our policy regarding the administrative and technical management of the TLD.

We may discontinue or amend any part or the whole of this policy from time to time at our absolute discretion.



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