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Registrant verification @.swiss gTLD

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Registrant eligibility (before April 24th 2024) 1/2

- .swiss Domain Names are allocated to specific entities based in Switzerland (in general the ones entered in the Swiss commercial register, but there are some exceptions)
- The criteria are defined in the Ordinance on Internet Domains (OID)
- Registrant Application contains what we call an UID (Enterprise Identification Number)
- This UID allows to query a national database for its record:
 - Not found: the UID was mistyped, doesn't exist or was randomly filled
 - → This leads to reject the application with an appropriate code
 - Found: entity and its legal form populate our evaluation tool's fields. We developed
 this tool specifically for .swiss
- Some automation is made to check if the name associated to the UID is equal or looks like to the Registrant Organisation and the tool will visually flag it

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Registrant eligibility (before April 24th 2024) 2/2

 Some of the legal forms are specific to Switzerland and not all of them are obligated to be entered in the Swiss commercial register. This registration is mandatory for eligibility. Extract of OID:

Art. 55⁵¹ Eligibility and staggered opening

The following are eligible to allocate a domain name:

- a. public bodies or other Swiss public law organisations;
- b. entities entered in the Swiss commercial register having their headquarters and an actual administrative site in Switzerland;
- associations and foundations not entered in the Swiss commercial register having their headquarters and an actual administrative site in Switzerland.
- The eligibility result (true or false) is a decisive criterion for the application
- If the application is eligible, then a check is done about the link (relationship) between the domain name requested and the applicant or the envisaged use of the domain name

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Objective link/relationship (before April 24th 2024)

We consider that there is an objective link (relationship) between the requested domain name and the applicant in the following cases:

- Trade Mark (Swiss Register)
- Name based
- General Recognition
- Product

If not, we reject the application considering 2 reasons:

- No link (relationship)
- Generic term

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What is happening on April 24th 2024?

- The eligibility to get a .swiss domain name will be opened to natural persons
- The OID has been updated accordingly:

Art. 55⁶⁴ Eligibility

The following are eligible to be allocated a domain name:

- a. public bodies or other Swiss public law organisations;
- b. entities entered in the Swiss commercial register that have their registered office and an actual administrative site in Switzerland;
- c. associations and foundations not entered in the Swiss commercial register that have their registered office and an actual administrative site in Switzerland.

d.65 individuals resident in Switzerland or who are Swiss citizens.

- As a natural person, the applicant will provide its own UPI number (Unique Person Identification). This UPI ID is currently the Swiss social security number.
- The UPI ID will be checked in a national register
- This will allow us to verify if the Registrant Name matches the name of the UPI ID record.

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Some technical stuff about RDAP and PublicID (1/2)

- The UID identifier and soon the UPI one are stored as "publicID" in the WHOIS/RDAP
 of the .swiss Registry with its corresponding type
- Not all RDAP clients are displaying this field, for example:

Contact Information

Registrant:

Handle: BAKOM

Organization: Bundesamt fuer Kommunikation (BAKOM)

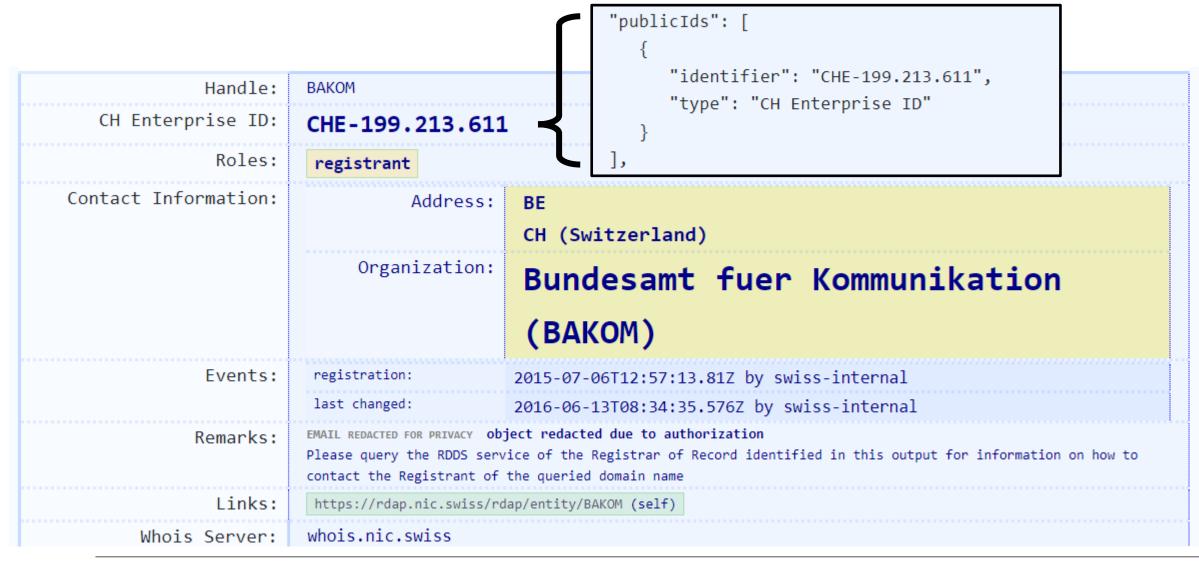
Whois Server: whois.nic.swiss

Mailing Address: BE, CH

Email redacted for privacy:

please query the rdds service of the registrar of record identified in this output for information on how to contact the registrant of the querie domain name

Some technical stuff about RDAP and PublicID (2/2)





Evaluation Tool overview

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