
Blocked and Reserved Names

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1. Blocked and Reserved Names

Certain names are not available as gTLD strings, as detailed in this section. Other names are reserved at the top-level and can be found on a list compiled by ICANN org. This list is informed by a variety of sources and inputs, as set forth below. gTLD strings [and their allocatable variant label\(s\)](#) on the Blocked Names list are not eligible under existing GNSO policy to be applied for in any future application round. This exclusion does not apply to those gTLDs that are already delegated into the Root Zone.

| <u>Type of String</u> | <u>List Type</u> | <u>Exception Process Applies?</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Special-Use Domain Names | Blocked | No | Specific labels reserved by technical standards for purposes inconsistent with delegation and explicitly noted on IANA's Special-Use Domain Names Registry. <i>As a result of SAC113 and subsequent work as directed by the ICANN Board, the following string will be added to the Blocked Names list and be ineligible for delegation: [TBD]</i> |
| Technical Standards | Blocked | No | Technical standards that prohibit entire categories of labels (e.g., Reserved LDH labels (R-LDH labels) containing "--" in the third and fourth positions but which otherwise conform to LDH label rules (RFC 5890), prohibited IDNA labels, TLDs including numerals). |
| Country or Territory Names in relation to Geographic Names | Blocked | No | See AGB Section [TBD] on "Treatment of Country or Territory Names" for more details. |
| Three letter ASCII country codes | Blocked | No | Strings assigned in the ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 standard are not eligible for delegation. |
| ICANN-related and other entities in the DNS ecosystem | Blocked | No | [e.g., ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs)] ¹ , |

¹ <https://www.icann.org/community>

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| | | | Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) ² , IETF bodies ³ |
| Limited International IGO-INGOs | Reserved | Yes | Names added by the IGO-INGO PDP Working Group’s recommendations on the protections of IGO-INGO identifiers in all gTLDs are eligible for delegation upon verification: Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC), International Olympic Committee (IOC), & International Governmental Organization (IGO) - International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Names |

1.2 Reserved Names

Strings on the Reserved Names list **may be applied for through an exception process** only by the relevant entity, by providing appropriate documentation as detailed below.

Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC), International Olympic Committee (IOC), and International Governmental Organization (IGO) - International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Names⁴:

Names added by the IGO-INGO PDP Working Group’s recommendations on the protections of IGO-INGO identifiers in all gTLDs⁵, including their allocatable variant label(s), are eligible for delegation upon verification.

² <https://aso.icann.org/about/aso-and-nro/rirs/>

³ <https://www.ietf.org/about/groups/>

⁴ <https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo>

⁵ Board Resolution (2019.01.27.19) <https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-27-01-2019-en#2.d>

1.2.1 Exception Process to Apply for a Reserved Name

All applied-for gTLD strings are compared with both the Reserved and Blocked Names lists, which can be found here: [_____], to confirm that the applied-for gTLD string does not appear on that list.

This exception process, allowing applicants to apply for a name from the Reserved Names list, [including their allocatable variant labels](#), applies exclusively to **Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC), International Olympic Committee (IOC), and International Governmental Organization (IGO) - International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Names.**

If an applicant enters a Reserved Name as its applied-for gTLD string, a verification process will be initiated to ensure that the applicant has provided satisfactory documentation establishing their eligibility to apply for that particular TLD. **[The verification process for the applying organization/entity will occur as part of Initial Evaluation.]**

1.2.2 Required documentation (varying based on the category listed above):

- Certification of Incorporation and, if applicable, letter from parent organization
- Documentation of support or non-objection including a signed letter from the relevant public authority (if applicable).

If there is reason for doubt of the authenticity of the documentation provided, ICANN may consult with the relevant authorities for further verification.

If applicable, for further assistance in determining who the relevant government or public authority may be for a request, the requester may wish to consult with the relevant GAC representative. See <https://gac.icann.org/about/members>.

See Appendix [___] for further information and criteria on acceptable documentation.

An applicant who does not provide adequate documentation demonstrating their eligibility to apply for a TLD listed on the Reserved Names list will fail Evaluation.

Annex — Relevant Recommendations

Recommendation 2 from the 2007 policy is affirmed under Topic 24: String Similarity Evaluations. Recommendation 2 is also relevant to this topic.

Affirmation 21.1: The Working Group affirms Recommendation 5 from the 2007 policy, which states: “Strings must not be a Reserved Word.”

Affirmation 21.2: The Working Group supports continuing to reserve as unavailable¹²⁷ for delegation those strings at the top level that were considered Reserved Names and were unavailable for delegation in the 2012 round.

Affirmation 21.3: The Working Group acknowledges the reservation at the top level of Special-Use Domain Names through the procedure described in IETF RFC 6761.

Recommendation 21.4: The Working Group recommends reserving as unavailable for delegation at the top level the acronym associated with Public Technical Identifiers, “PTI”.

Affirmation 21.5: The Working Group supports continuing to reserve as unavailable for registration those strings that are on the then-current schedule of Reserved Names at the second level. The schedule may only change through the then-current process for making such changes.

Recommendation 21.6: The Working Group recommends updating Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement (Schedule of Reserved Names) to include the measures for secondlevel Letter/Letter Two-Character ASCII Labels to Avoid Confusion with Corresponding Country Codes adopted by the ICANN Board on 8 November 2016.