

SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION ROUNDS

ICANN is committed to subsequent rounds of new gTLDs taking place at regular and predictable intervals and, absent extraordinary circumstances, application procedures will take place as such. A new round may be initiated even if steps related to application processing and delegation from previous application rounds have not been fully completed.

The ICANN Board will begin deliberations to determine the specific timing of future rounds as soon as the the following criteria have been met:

1. The list of applied-for strings for the ongoing round has been confirmed and the window for string change requests has closed. This will provide applicants in a subsequent round with an understanding of which strings can be applied for.
2. ICANN org is operationally prepared to receive and process a new batch of applications.

Absent extraordinary circumstances, future reviews and/or policy development processes, including the next Competition, Consumer Choice & Consumer Trust (CCT) Review, should take place concurrently with subsequent application rounds. In other words, future reviews and/or policy development processes must not stop or delay subsequent new gTLD rounds.

If the outputs of any reviews and/or policy development processes has, or could reasonably have, a material impact on the manner in which application procedures are conducted, such changes will apply to the opening of the application procedure subsequent to the adoption of the relevant recommendations by the ICANN Board.