

1. The Application Submission Period

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The application submission period will open no later than [00:00 30 April 2026] for 15 weeks, closing on [23:59 13 August] 2026.

All applications must be submitted electronically through the TLD application management system (TAMS). It will not be possible to submit an application offline. Following the closure of the application period, ICANN org will provide applicants with periodic status updates on the progress of their applications.

A number of services and support options will be available to applicants during the application submission period. Please see [section XX] for more information on customer service availability during the new gTLD application process.

1.1 Account Registration

Applicants can register as a user on TAMS and begin creating applications as soon the application submission period opens. If they have not done so already, applicants must first register for a valid ICANN user account on the ICANN website before they can access the TAMS. Applicants accessing TAMS for the first time will be expected to agree to a standard set of terms of use including user rights, obligations, and restrictions in relation to the use of the system.

Please see the ICANN website [link] for help with creating an ICANN user account

1.2 Creating and Completing an Application

Once they have registered on TAMS, an applicant must create an organization account, add additional users linked to the organization account, and complete the online application form [link] under their selected organization account or accounts.

To complete the application form [placeholder link to application questions], an applicant must answer a series of questions to provide general information, evidence of financial capability, and demonstrate technical and operational capability to operate a gTLD. Any supporting documents required as part of an application must also be submitted through TAMS, in the correct format and as instructed in the relevant application questions. Please see section XX for further information on supplying additional documentation [link].

As part of completing their application applicants must select among a set of defined application types, some of which may involve specific processing steps and requirements. Please see section X for information on the different TLD application types [\[link\]](#).

Please see the TAMS User Guide for further information and guidance on registering and creating applications on TAMS.

1.3 Application Submission Limits

There is no limit to the number of applications an applicant may submit. However, an applicant will not be able to apply for more than one gTLD in a single application. For example, an applicant intending to submit five gTLD strings would complete five applications, and receive a unique application ID number for each application.

The only exception is when an applicant is applying for a primary gTLD string and one or more of its allocatable variant label(s). In such cases, an applicant is required to submit a single application including both the primary gTLD string and allocatable variant label(s). An applicant can apply for any number of allocatable variant gTLDs as part of an application, [but only the first four variant labels are included in the standard application fee.] Each additional variant gTLDs will incur a supplementary application fee.

Please see section xx on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) for more information on applying for variant gTLDs and section xx for further information on fees for additional variant gTLDs.

1.4 String Eligibility and other TAMS Checks

TAMS will automatically carry out a number of eligibility tests on an applicant's chosen string(s) to avoid or minimize the risk of a string being identified as invalid at a later date. However, TAMS may accept a string which may fail another eligibility check at a later stage of the application process. These automated checks include:

- checks against the list of Blocked/Reserved Names
- checks against existing delegated TLDs or in process from a prior round
- IDN related checks on the permitted combination of characters
- checks on variants of existing delegated TLDs

Adverse results from these checks may prevent submission of an application or generate an automated warning for further action. Please see [TBC] for more information.

1.5 Submitting an Application

An applicant may submit their application on TAMS once all relevant application information has been provided and applicable system validations have been cleared. A unique Application ID will be generated for each application.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their completed applications as soon as practicable after the application submission period commences. An application [will not be considered if received/be able to be submitted] after the application submission period has closed.

1.6 Payment

A payment invoice will be issued for the evaluation of each submitted application and any other additional fees required, with a reduced application fee payable for applicants who were successful in the Applicant Support Program. Payment must be made in full by the close of the submission period. An application will not be evaluated if ICANN has not received the total required fee by this deadline.

Please see [link to section on fees] for more information on fees and available payment methods.