



# .TH and .ไทย Domain Name Registration Policy

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### Part 1 Definitions.

1. **THNIC** means Thai Network Information Center Foundation, the administrator of .th and .ไทย.
2. **Registrar** means the accredited entity, currently T.H.NIC Co., Ltd., responsible for .th and .ไทย domain name registration services.
3. **Request** means an application to register, renew, terminate or change information of a domain name.
4. **Person** means an individual person or juristic entity.
5. **Domain Name Holder** means the person granted the right to use a domain name by the Registrar.
6. **Authorized Representative** means a person who submitted a domain name registration request and/or domain name administrator authorized by the domain name holder.
7. **Domain Name Management System** means a domain name service system provided by the Registrar for users to apply membership and login to submit request(s) and manage domain name(s).

### Part 2 General Policy

#### 1. Second-Level Domain Name Registration Service

This service will be available in accordance with specific conditions described in the [Second-Level Domain Name Registration Guideline](#) and be opened for a limited period for each round. The service timelines and life cycle will be announced by THNIC.

#### 2. Third-Level Domain Name Registration Service

This service is available as according to the specified policies of each domain name category.

### Category 1

**.ac.th or .ศึกษา.ไทย**

This category is designed for academic institutions certified by the Ministry of Education in Thailand, or an agency with equivalent status.

### Category 2

**.co.th or .ธุรกิจ.ไทย**

This category is designed for business entities such as:

- (1) Juristic entity registered with the Department of Business Development (DBD), Ministry of Commerce in Thailand.
- (2) Person or entity registered the Value Added Tax with the Revenue Department (RD), Ministry of Finance in Thailand.
- (3) State Enterprises.
- (4) Trademark owners who have registered with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP), Ministry of Commerce in Thailand.
- (5) Foreign juristic person or trademarks owners who appointed a grantee of power of attorney (agent) to be responsible for a domain name on their behalf. The agent must be a business entity in accordance to article (1) or (2) mentioned above.

### Category 3

**.go.th or .รัฐบาล.ไทย**

This category is designed for government agencies and their supervisory projects in accordance with the [cabinet resolution dated 17 December 2545 BE](#).

### Category 4

**.mi.th or .ทหาร.ไทย**

This category is designed for Royal Thai Armed Force agencies with authorization by the Department of Military Information, Royal Thai Armed Force Headquarter, granted permission to register a domain name.

### Category 5

**.net.th or .เน็ต.ไทย**

This category is designed for telecommunication business license licensees in accordance with the [Telecommunication Business Act 2001](#).

### Category 6

**.or.th or .องค์กร.ไทย**

This category is designed for non-government organizations e.g. associations, foundations, professional councils, religious places, public organizations, independent organizations, cooperatives, political parties, embassies, chambers of commerce, clubs, social projects, or international organizations with a local branch in Thailand.

### Category 7

**.in.th or .ไทย**

This category is designed for all types of entities, juristic and non-juristic person with an official location in Thailand, or an individual with Thai citizenship or a non-Thai citizen who holds a valid Thai work permit. Underage persons must register their domain name along with their guardian's approval.

Domain name in this category “is not” required to name after the organization or person, however, it must not conflict with other criteria of .th and .ไทย domain naming.

Foreign trademark holders are allowed to register their trademark names under this category for the purpose of rights protection only; however, the registered domain name will be non-useable.

*Details of attachments for verification of domain name registration for each category are described in the [Third-Level Domain Name Registration Guideline](#)*

## 3. Criteria of .th Domain Naming

- 3.1. Each .th domain name must consist of English letters (a-z) and/or Arabic numerals (0-9), the string must contain at least one character and no more than 63 characters. A string with one character will be available for registration under specific terms and conditions which THNIC reserves the rights to consider on a case-by-case basis.



any part of the organization's name. It is not permitted to switch the order or add characters or numerals.

4.4.2. In the case a domain name is derived from a project's name, the domain name must explicitly imply to this name in full or an abbreviation of any part of the project's name. It is not permitted to switch the order or add characters or numerals.

4.4.3. In the case a domain name is derived from a trademark, the domain name must be identical in all respects to the trademark, in both letters and numbers. It is not permitted to transform any symbols or pictures to be a name, words, or characters.

4.4.4. A domain name cannot be reserved names as specified in Clause 5 of this policy.

4.4.5. A .th domain name holder in any category is entitled to register a .ไทย domain name in the same category. Both .th and .ไทย domain name must be consistent with each other. Synonyms or translations must be in accordance with the rules of the Office of the Royal Society or an equivalent.

## 5. Reserved Names

The following lists names and words that receive special protection or prohibition:

- 5.1. Names related to the King, the Royal family and the monarchy, including places related to the monarch, royal family and royalty.
- 5.2. Names that consist of sensitive word(s) concerning religions and beliefs.
- 5.3. Names that consist of word(s) that cause the defamation by mocking, sarcasm or demonstrating hatred to any person or organization.
- 5.4. Names of any country, province city or public place, or words that convey meaning of those names.
- 5.5. Names that use rude or insulting words contrary to Thai tradition or infer rudeness caused by certain processes such as spoonerism.
- 5.6. Names refer to the Internet, Internet protocols, and domain name systems.
- 5.7. Names specified in the THNIC reserved name list available for verification at the [Registrar website](#).

## 6. Number of Domain Name

THNIC reserves the right to verify the number of domain names an individual or juristic entity is eligible to hold on a case-by-case basis. In this regard, THNIC does not encourage any acts to commit cybersquatting. A user who requests to register more than one domain name must comply with the following conditions:

- 6.1. The domain name specified in each registration request must comply with all criteria stipulated for domain naming.
- 6.2. A domain name registration request must be exercised in good faith. If the Registrar has doubts that any request to register more than one domain name is suspicious, or appear not to be made in good faith, the Registrar reserves the right to reject the request or revoke a registered domain name immediately.

## 7. Nationality of Domain Name Holder

Domain name holders must hold Thai nationality or be a legal entity under Thai law, except in the case a foreigner holds a trademark registered with the DIP in Thailand, or hold a foreign trademark, or a valid Thai work permit.

## 8. Fees

Users must pay a domain name registration fee and annual renewal fee as well as any fees for maintaining rights such as domain name redemption fee to maintain the rights to use a domain name. Fee rates shall be as prescribed by the Registrar or Authorized Reseller on their website.

## 9. Request of Domain Name Registration

- 9.1. Under the domain name management system, a user account suspected of using a second account is allowed to submit a request of domain name registration request in the same name at most twice within 60 days.
- 9.2. A domain name registration request has a life cycle 30 days. During this life cycle, other users cannot submit a request for the same name.
- 9.3. The Registrar will provide service on a first come, first served basis.
- 9.4. The Registrar will grant rights to hold a domain name to the user who first submits a registration request (unless otherwise specified in other guidelines). Thus, another user will not be permitted to submit a registration request for the same domain

name, even when the request include required eligibility attachments to register that domain name, except in the case of dispute.

## 10. Domain Name Renewal

Annual domain name renewal is for a minimum of one (1) year and up to ten (10) years maximum. A domain name holder is responsible to verify their domain name expiry date, submit a renewal request and complete annual fee payment before the domain name registration has expired.

## 11. Transferring Domain Name Ownership

Generally, domain name ownership cannot be transferred to another person except in the following cases:

- 11.1. In the case of changing trademark ownership.
- 11.2. In the case a domain name holder who is a juristic person whose legal status has changed because of a merger or acquisition that resulted in changing the organization's name, transfer of business etc.
- 11.3. In the case a foreign juristic person or foreign trademark owner has changed the local agent authorized to hold the domain name on their behalf.
- 11.4. In the case domain name holder deceased or a court order has been issued stating that the domain name holder is disappeared, incompetent or quasi-incompetent person.

## 12. Domain Name Termination

Domain name ownership may be terminated for the following reasons:

- 12.1. Registrar received a domain name deletion request, attached with a notification letter issued by the domain name holder.
- 12.2. The domain holder did not pay the annual renewal fee or the Registrar never received any proof of payment to confirm payment for a domain name renewal.
- 12.3. The court ordered the revocation of the domain name.
- 12.4. The Registrar learned later that a domain name was registered contrary to this policy.
- 12.5. In the case a domain name holder is deceased or a court order has been issued stating that the domain name holder is a disappearance, incompetent or quasi-incompetent person.

12.6. The domain name holder has the legal status of one of the following: bankruptcy, business dissolution, or compulsory winding-up.

The Registrar reserves the right to verify status of domain name holder described in Clause 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6.

### 13. Request Revision

An approved request by the Registrar will be considered a completed request. A user cannot cancel, edit, or refund for it.

### 14. Rights and Responsibilities

14.1. An agent acknowledges that all rights to use a domain name belong to the domain name holder.

14.2. A request submitted to the Registrar is a guarantee from the user that the information provided is accurate.

14.3. THNIC and/or the Registrar are not responsible for any investigations or confirmations of domain name usage. A domain name holder will ensure THNIC and/or the Registrar cannot be charged for any damages or charges arising from litigation concerning domain name usage.

14.4. The Registrar is responsible for cybersecurity for the .th and .ไทย domain name system only. Cybersecurity administration and protection of websites and other system(s) under registered domain names is beyond the Registrar's responsibility.

### 15. Dispute Resolution

THNIC and/or the Registrar reserve the right not to serve as an intermediary in any disputes which might be occur among domain name holders. THNIC and/or the Registrar will settle a dispute by relying on court order, or written legal agreement between two parties whether in court or arbitration after a final ruling has been issued.

If a dispute occurs during domain name registration process, THNIC and/or the Registrar reserve the right to suspend the process until the dispute is finally settled unless there is a firm reasonable reason; however, THNIC and/or the Registrar are not responsible for any damages or losses from suspension of the domain name registration process.



## 16. False Information Notification

Notification of false information, impersonation or forgery submitted to the Registrar are unacceptable. The Registrar reserves the right to suspend or revoke a domain name without prior notification to the domain name holder, and fee(s) will not be refund in such cases.

## 17. Reaction to Spam, Phishing, Malware, Botnet and Fast Flux

The use of domain name in activities that cause spam, phishing, malware, botnet, and fast flux are unacceptable. The Registrar reserves the right to revoke a domain name when any aforementioned purposes are discovered.

## 18. Personal Information

THNIC and the Registrar recognize the importance of confidentiality and privacy for all users. However, THNIC and/or the Registrar are permitted to store and use any personal information related to domain name registration in relevant activities.

THNIC and/or the Registrar will not transfer domain name data to other parties unless it is considered relevant activity. Nevertheless, the Registrar holds the right to disclose domain name data in accordance with court orders or legal authorities.

## 19. Responsibilities of THNIC and the Registrar

THNIC and/or the Registrar will neither be liable nor responsible for any loss of use, interruption of business, or any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages of any kind (including loss of profit) regardless of the form of action whether in contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, even if THNIC and/or the Registrar has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

## 20. Policy Remarks

20.1. THNIC and/or the Registrar solely reserve all rights to change terms and conditions in this policy without prior notice.

20.2. Decisions made by THNIC and/or the Registrar are final

*In case of any discrepancy between this translation and the original Thai text, the Thai text shall govern. Terms in this translation expressed in the singular should be construed as also including the plural, and vice versa.*