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Policy of .th and .ไทย service Revised B.E.2561 (2018)

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Part 1 : Definition

THNIC means T.H.NIC Co., Ltd which is the Domain Name Registration Service Provider.

Request means a request of any domain name registration, renewal, termination and change of information.

Person means a natural person and a juristic person.

Holder of domain name means a name of a person who is authorized to register a particular domain name. A holder of domain name must be located in Thailand, unless otherwise provided by *a specified Policy by Categories of Domain Names*

Domain name management system means THNIC's System for member who registered by e-mail to request for domain name registration or a renewal, including other services regarding domain name management after the approval of the request.

Username means an email account which has been registered the membership to the domain name management system for logging into the system by using the username and password.

Administrative Contact means an owner of a username which is presumed as an operator in related activities conducted in a system involving in a domain name on behalf of a domain name holder.

Billing Contact means a contact person who is responsible for collaboration in relation to expenses and financial documents of which related to a domain name.

Technical Contact means a contact person who is responsible for technical collaboration of a holder of domain name.

Trademark means Trade Mark, Service Mark, Certification Mark and Collective Mark.



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Part 2 : General Policy

Categories of domain name .th and .ไทย have been classified into the following seven categories.

- 1) .ac.th or .ศึกษา.ไทย for academic institutions
- 2) .co.th or .ธุรกิจ.ไทย for private business enterprises, state enterprises or Trademark
- 3) .go.th or .รัฐบาล.ไทย for a government and projects which are under government supervision
- 4) .mi.th or .ทหาร.ไทย for military units
- 5) .net.th or .เน็ต.ไทย for licensed operators in telecommunication business
- 6) .or.th or .องค์กร.ไทย for non government organizations or social projects
- 7) .in.th or .ไทย for a general public (natural persons and juristic persons)

When the user registered the domain name .th, will be entitled to register the domain name .ไทย without additional fees charged and vice versa. Condition of domain name registration have been determined in *Part 3 : a specified Policy by categories of domain names.*

Criteria of domain naming .th

1. Each domain name must contain at least 2 characters, but no longer than 63 characters English Alphabet (a-z) and/or Arabic Numerals (0-9).
2. Domain naming may contain hyphen (-) inserted between alphabet or number, but not permitted to insert at the beginning or the end of the name or insert adjoin each other.
3. The chosen name should contain characters deriving from the following English names, unless otherwise provided by “Specified Policy by categories of domain name”.
 - 3.1 In case of domain naming from organizations or agencies’ name, this name have to clearly imply to organizations or agencies’ full name, initial name or abbreviations; however, it is not permitted to add any characters or numerals.
 - 3.2 For naming rely on projects’ name, the chosen name have to directly imply to full name, initial name or abbreviations of the projects; however, it is not permitted to add any characters or numerals.



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- 3.3 Naming from Trademark, this name have to be equally same as Trademark both alphabet and number (Not permitted to transform any mark or picture to be name, words or characters).
4. Domain name must not be the reserved words such as
 - 4.1 The words consisting in the domain name shall not relate to the King, the Royal Family and the Royalties, including any place relating to the King the Royal Family and the Royalties.
 - 4.2 The words which affect the sensitivity in religion and belief.
 - 4.3 The words which cause the defamation to any person or organization, including mocking, being sarcastic or despising.
 - 4.4 The words which be the name of any country, province, city including public place or another word that give meaning of these words.
 - 4.5 The words which be rude or different from Thai tradition, including words that normally not being rude but some process causing such as spoonerism.
 - 4.6 The words which consist in domain name shall not relate to internet and computer.
* See reserved words at <http://reserv.thnic.co.th/>
5. THNIC reserves the right to determine the final stage of domain naming.

Criteria of domain naming .ไทย

1. Each domain name must contain at least 2 characters, but no longer than 63 Thai characters consonant, vowel, tone marker, Yamok (็), Pintu (ุ), Naruekahit (ั), Piyarnnoi (๓), Karun (๓) and/or Thai number (๐-๙)
2. Domain naming may contain Arabic Numerals (0-9) but must together with aforementioned Thai characters at least 1 character.
3. Moreover, domain name may contain hyphen (-) that inserted between an alphabet or a number, but not permitted to insert at the beginning or the end of the name or insert adjoin each other.
4. Domain naming .ไทย which according to name of organizations, agencies, projects or Trademark shall rely on the Criteria of domain naming .th article no. 3
5. The reserved or specific words must not allow to name domain .ไทย that shall rely on the Criteria of domain naming .th article no. 4



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6. Domain name .ไทย which registered along with domain name .th must be connected to each other such as the same pronunciation (Homophone), the same meaning (Translation) or spell in the characters of another alphabet (Transliteration) that names may be full name, initial name, or abbreviation as attached document. By the way, do not permitted to add any character else.

Remark: Homophone, Translation, Transliteration shall rely on the Criteria of Office of the Royal Society or standard dictionary.

Number of domain name : the Foundation advance to the registration for authentic using of Persons (Natural Persons and Juristic Persons); therefore, the Foundation reserves the right to consider and decide number of domain name of each person on a case by case basis. The person who registered domain name more than one domain name from all categories must comply with the following conditions:

1. All domain name registration must comply with the Criteria of domain naming and condition as provided in Part 3: Specified policy by categories of domain name.
2. The registration of domain name shall be acted in good faith by a holder of domain name and a contact person who having a residential address or an office address in Thailand which can be contacted by THNIC.
3. In case THNIC detect any unusual act in domain name registration, specifically, registration of more than one domain name or may imply to not acting in good faith for domain name registration, THNIC reserves the right to refuse the request or revoke the domain name immediately.

Name Server : Domain name is usable when a holder of domain name provide at least 2 configured Name Server (NS)

Fees : User shall pay the registration fee and annual domain renewal fee for maintaining the status of a domain. The rate of fee has been notified by THNIC or permitted distributors.

Domain Renewal : Domain name has at least 1 year service life. Administrative Contact is responsible for ensuring the expiration of its domain name and renewing together with paying annual fee in order to prevent from disable or delete from the system.



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Change of Information : Modification of information divided into 2 types

1. General Information of which Administrative Contact can immediately change through the domain name management system are details of Billing Contact, details of Technical Contact and Name Server
2. Essential Information that required notifying THNIC and attaching documents for Changing such as a holder of domain name's information and Username.

Transfer of domain name : Domain names should be used by the designated holder of domain name, or the persons stated in the request, only. THNIC does not transfer, or permit any entity to transfer domain names, except these cause following

1. A holder of domain name changes a holder's name (the attached documents such as Certificate of changing name Registration or Affidavit which indicate the changing of name).
2. A holder of Trademark changes a holder's name (the attached documents such as Certificate of Trademark Registration or Certificate of changing name of a holder of Trademark Registration).
3. A foreign company (a juristic person) or a holder of Foreign Trademark changes local representative in Thailand (a juristic person) (the attached document is a notification of changing local representative in Thailand (a juristic person) which signed by a foreign company (a juristic person) or a holder of Trademark).
4. A holder of domain name who is a juristic person changes its status (such as Merger and Acquisition that changes the organization's name or business transfer) THNIC will consider on a case by case basis (the attached document is Por-por 09)
5. In case that a holder of domain name who is a natural person has disappeared or pass away, heirs may inform THNIC in written together with Death Certificate, court order or lawful heirs evidence and copy of Civil Registration which related to heirs.

Remark : If there is any dispute related to Transfer of domain name, THNIC reserves the right to consider and decide the final stage domain name for suspending. In this case the decision made by THNIC is final.



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Termination of registration : will happen by the following causes

1. THNIC receive a request for a domain deletion together with a certified letter which issue by a holder of domain name.
2. A holder of domain name does not pay the renewal fee or THNIC shall not be informed the confirmation of payment.
 - 2.1. Domain name will be disable after domain name expire for 1 month.
 - 2.2. Domain name will be deleted from the system after domain name expired for 2 months.
3. Any domain name registration can be invalidated upon court order.
4. THNIC found that domain naming does not meet the criteria of domain naming after domain has been registration.
5. A holder of domain name has disappeared or passes away.
6. A holder of domain name goes bankrupt, be unoccupied or business dissolution.

Remark : THNIC reserves the right to check the status of a domain name holder as provided in article no. 5 and no. 6. THNIC will inform relevant persons once the status is certified.

Period of Request : Each request will active for 30 days. During the 30 days period, other people cannot send the request for the same domain name.

Condition of sending request : Each Username will be able to send the request of the same domain name not more than two times within 60 days

Termination of domain name which has already been approved : When the request of domain name registration, renewal, change of information or termination has been considered and approved, the request will consider as the completed request and cannot to cancel, change or refund.

Username Deletion : Username will be deleted from the system automatically when it has stayed in the system more than 2 years without any operation and there is no any domain names under it.

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Responsibilities of domain :

1. Administrative Contact acknowledges and agrees to provide a domain name to a holder of domain name in order to manage and response in any circumstances. By sending the request, THNIC will consider that the Administrative Contact provide the correct information to THNIC.
2. A holder of domain name will assert for the domain name as it indicates in the request. Holder of domain name will prevent THNIC from harm, damage and charges which arising from litigation of using domain name. In this case, THNIC will not have any responsibilities for an investigation and confirm the authorize in the domain name.

Dispute resolution : THNIC will not be an intermediary in any disputes which might be occurred among holders of domain name. THNIC will settle the dispute by relying on court orders. If a conflict occurs during the registration procedure, THNIC will hold the process until the dispute has been settled or the written legal agreement has been signed by both parties and THNIC receives the order or the agreement.

False information : THNIC is intolerant of any false information provided at the application and counterfeit document. If we become aware of any false information or counterfeit document, we reserve the right to hold or cancel that domain name without having to notify and refund to a holder of domain name.

Spam protection : Spamming is unacceptable. THNIC reserves the right to revoke the registration of the domain name once it learns that the name is used for any unlawful purpose, including electronic theft and sending emails without asking from receiver.

WHOIS entry : THNIC files all registered domain names in WHOIS database. The information can be queried by whois service on THNIC's website or use whois (who is) command on command line. For example, to know the information of "thnic.in.th" typing "whois -h whois.thnic.co.th thnic.co.th"

Privacy : THNIC reserves the right to make entries in the WHOIS database publicly available in any written or online forms.

THNIC's liability : THNIC 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 the registry THNIC has been advised of the possibility of such damages.



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Part 3 : Specified Policy by categories of domain names

Conditions of domain name registration for each category.

Category no. 1 : .ac.th or .ศึกษา.ไทย

For Academic institutions who be certified by Ministry of Education, Thailand

The attached documents : Copy of authorized letter of college/school establishment

In case the college/school cannot provide the required document stated above, it can issue and provide the authorized letter by certify the information as show important details as below.

- I. An affiliated agency
- II. An address of an academic institution
- III. A confirmation of a domain name .ac.th registration request.
- IV. An authorized signature of a director with an official seal.

Remark : If you are a tutorial school, you have to provide us the authorized letter of college/school establishment only.

Category no. 2 : .co.th or .ธุรกิจ.ไทย

For Business Enterprises, State Enterprises or Trademark

The attached documents :

Case 1. Domain naming from company name

- (1) A company (juristic person) was registered within Thailand
 - a. A business license/Affidavit or
 - b. Thor-kor0401/Por-kor0401 (Trademark) or
 - c. Por-por20 (VAT Registration)

Remark : A person who already registered VAT may attach Por-por 20 for domain name registration.

- (2) A foreign company (a juristic person) which has a local representative (a juristic person)
 - a. An establishment letter of the foreign company (Both original and English translation)
 - b. An establishment letter of Thai company (local representative)



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- c. A letter certified by a foreign juristic person which includes the following issues :
 - I. To certify that Thai company stated in (b) is a local representative.
 - II. To allow Thai company stated in (b) to use a name of foreign company as the domain name. This content also has to specify domain name.

Case 2. Domain naming from Trademark

- (1) A trademark registered in Thailand
 - a. A certificate of trademark registration which registered and issued by the Department of Intellectual Property, Thailand
- (2) Trademark registered in foreign country must have a local representative (a juristic person) in Thailand.
 - a. A certificate of trademark registration (Both original and English translation)
 - b. An affidavit of local representative in Thailand
 - c. A letter certify by a holder of a foreign trademark which includes the following issues :
 - I. To certify that Thai company stated in (b) is a local representative.
 - II. To allow Thai company stated in (b) to use Foreign Trademark as their domain name. This content also has to specify domain name.

Category no. 3 : .go.th or .รัฐบาล.ไทย

For a Government and Projects which are under Government Supervision

The attached documents :

Case 1. Domain naming from Government Agencies

- a. For Government agencies in class of ministry, bureau, department, province and related province shall need Official Letter notify domain name registration that signed by highest chief of agency or chief of Information Office.
- b. For local government agencies shall Official Letter notify domain name registration that signed by highest chief of agency.



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Case 2. Domain naming from Project

- a. A Certified Letter of a Project includes the following matters
 - I. A project name
 - II. A List of Project Committee
 - III. Objectives of Project
 - IV. End date of Project
 - V. Government agencies which responsible for the Project

Category no.4 : .mi.th or .ทหาร.ไทย

For Military unit

The attached documents : An authorized Letter issued by Military Information Department, Supreme Command Headquarters allowing its unit to register a domain name under .mi.th.

Category no. 5 : .net.th or .เน็ต.ไทย

For Juristic person in telecommunication business

The attached documents : A license for operating telecommunication business assigned in Telecommunication Business Act B.E.2544 (2001)
(<https://www.thnic.co.th/doc/TelecommunicationBusinessAct%5Bth%5D.pdf>)

Category no. 6 : .or.th or .องค์กร.ไทย

For Non Government Organization Such as association, foundation, council, religious place, public organization, independent organization, cooperative, party, embassy, chamber of commerce, club or social project etc.

The attached documents : An authorized letter of organization establishment which was certified and issued by Thailand Government. In case cannot provide the required document stated above, it shall provide two required documents as following.

- (1) An authorized letter issued by chief of organization which contain :
 - a. An organization name
 - b. A committee list
 - c. An objective



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- d. An address and details of contact information
- e. In case of domain naming from Project, shall provide further information as below.
 - I. A project name
 - II. A list of project committee
 - III. An objectives of Project
 - IV. End date of Project (must provide date, month and year)
- (2) Authorized letter issued by other Non Government Organization (juristic person) or Government Agency which approve establishment of the organization.

Category no. 7 : .in.th or .ไทย

For General Public (natural person and juristic person) If a person has age under 15 years old, it must register the domain on behalf of the parent, and when he/she is 15 years old, he/she will able to change A holder of domain name to be him/her.

Additional Criteria :

- 1. Under the criteria of domain naming in Part 2, it can name with any words.
- 2. A Person may register a domain name more than 1 name.

The attached documents :

Case 1. For organization

- a. An authorized Letter of organization establishment or
- b. A letter notify domain name registration that signed by chief of organization which contain main content:
 - I. An organization name
 - II. An address and details for contact
 - III. A domain name



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Case 2. For individual

- a. An identification card or
- b. An official government card
- c. A driving License or
- d. A passport issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand or
- e. A work permit issued by the Ministry of Labour of the Kingdom of Thailand

Remark : A holder of Foreign Trademark may register domain name .in.th for protecting its right. Although it would not active, it also require to pay the annual renewal fee as same as active domain. In this case, A holder must send a request and attached documents which are the original and the English translation of Certificate of Trademark Registration.