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**Registration Body For The .DZ Domain**

**Domain Name Policy**  
**for the Algerian Country Code Top Level**  
**Domain .DZ**

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## Defintion of the terms :

- **Domain** : Internet domain
- **Registration body** : Body responsible of the registration of the domain names under the Algerian country code Top Level domain . DZ . This body is hereinafter called **NIC-DZ** .
- **Registry:** Contains the data relative to the domain names registration. The registry is also called "WHOIS data base " commonly used term .
- **Registrar** : The request of registering is made through entities of registering , delegated by **NIC-DZ** and called « registrar ». The registrar transmits the requests to the **NIC-DZ** and manages the domain names on behalf of the applicant.
- **Entity** : legal person (society, corporation), organization or any other group which appoint under a deposited naming and wishes to publish this naming as an internet domain name towards the registration body **NIC-DZ**. The entity is represented by the administrative manager such as he appears on the registration form for obtaining the domain name .
- **Registered / Requesting / applicant** : entity which obtained the domain name registration or which applied to obtain it .
- **Sub-domains under .DZ** : The sub-domains under .DZ are .com.dz, .gov.dz, .org.dz, .asso.dz, art.dz, .pol.dz, .edu.dz, .net.dz.

**Description of NIC-DZ** : body approved by the IANA (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority) since 1995 to manage the country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) .DZ for Algeria.

## General Provisions :

<b>1. Objective Of The Domain Name Policy</b>	<p>The present domain name charter of <b>.DZ</b> has for objective to define the registration rules of an internet domain name under the domain <b>.DZ</b> and to determine the methods of the registration procedure as well as the operation of the maintenance of the registered domain names.</p>
<b>2. Delegation Of Domain Names</b>	<p>The internet domain names under the <b>.DZ</b> domain are assigned by domain name delegation .</p> <p>For the domain name delegation, a primary <b>DNS</b> server (Domain Name System) and one or several secondary server(s) are needed and must be working correctly and permanently connected to the internet.</p> <p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> can control at any time the operating status and the accuracy of the information communicated and registered in the <b>NIC-DZ</b> database.</p>
<b>3. Entity Of Registration</b>	<p>The request of registration is made through registration entities delegated by the <b>NIC-DZ</b> and called « <b>registrar</b> ».</p> <p>The registrar transmits the requests for the <b>NIC-DZ</b> and manages domain name for the applicant .</p> <p>The <b>primary DNS</b> server of the registrar must be located in Algeria.</p>
<b>4. Sub Domains Of .DZ</b>	<p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> arranges the following sub-domains under <b>.DZ</b>:</p> <p><b>com.dz</b>: for the commercial entities</p> <p><b>gov.dz</b>: for the governmental entities</p> <p><b>org.dz</b>: for the entities appointing non- governmental and not commercial organizations</p> <p><b>edu.dz</b>: for the entities of education ,the formation and education generally</p> <p><b>asso.dz</b>: for the approved associations</p> <p><b>pol.dz</b>: for the political parties</p> <p><b>art.dz</b>: for the arts</p> <p><b>net.dz</b>: for the entities activating in the field of Internet</p>

<p><b>5. Eligibility Responsibility</b></p>	<p>Only the entities established in the country either having a legal representation in the country or having document justifying the property rights of name in Algeria , such as specified in the article9 can be assigned a domain name under the domain <b>.DZ</b>.</p> <p>The entity presented as organizational contact on the registration form is the applicant and ownership of the domain.</p> <p>The person designed as administrative contact on the registration form must be the responsible of the applicant entity.</p>
<p><b>6. Duration Of The Registration</b></p>	<p><b>The registration is valid for a period of validity of the ownership of the applicant's name.</b></p> <p>However the registered makes a commitment to maintain the information valid in the form or to Indicate any change which can arise during this period or when time of the loss of property rights of the name occurred.</p>
<p><b>7. Equal Treatment For All Requests</b></p>	<p>The registration instance <b>NIC.DZ</b> applied the same rules and the same measures to all the registering .</p>
<p><b>8 . Order Of Processing Applications</b></p>	<p>The requests of attribution of domain name are handled in the order of their arrival to <b>NIC-DZ</b> .</p> <p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> registry can not be held responsible for the errors arisen in the processing applications by fax or classic mail .</p> <p>The entity requiring its registering is completely responsible for supplied information concerning it, that is why it falls to the applicant to verify its data which appear on the registry.</p> <p>The modification request (or removal) of assigned domain names are handled in a similar way as described above.</p>
<p><b>9. Registration</b></p>	<p>The domain name registration is actual for a maximum deadline of two working days after the delivery of valid form of the folder by the registrar for the <b>NIC-DZ</b> .</p> <p><b>A folder of request of valid registering is a folder including the following documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The registration form with aim of the completed and signed registering</li> <li>• A supporting document for the domain name request : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the registry of companies or ;</li> <li>2. A copy of the trademark registration from INAPI or OMPI or ;</li> <li>3. A copy of the official creation decree of the entity</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>In the case of a « registrar » and if the registrar is not indicated in the registration form as a technical contact, a power of attorney from the applicant appointing it to take care of the domain name registering for the applicant must be delivered.</p>

<p><b>10. Removal From « Registry »</b></p>	<p>The domain name may be removed from the <b>.DZ</b> registry in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The registered asks for the radiation of its entry . This request must be sent under written form to the registrar which transmits it to the <b>NIC-DZ</b> or directly to <b>NIC-DZ</b>.</li> <li>• The removal is ordered by a court or an administration.</li> <li>• The removal is ordered by the committee of dispute settlement for domain names under <b>.DZ</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Responsibility Of Domain Names</b></p>	<p>The right of direct or indirect use of a domain name are placed under the full responsibility of the applicants entities, they also make a commitment not to violate the intellectual property rights of other party .</p> <p>The declarations made by the entity in the registration form must be truthful and the entity has to be entitled to use the name for the registration of which he asks in the form. Any expenses of procedure in case of dispute as well as damages further to the illicit use of the name are chargeable to the entity itself which will compensate <b>NIC-DZ</b> if necessary.</p> <p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> registers the domain name asked by the applicant after display of a document justifying the ownership of the name (trade registry of companies, decree registration document or trade mark from INAPI or OMP) and giving evidence of its membership to applicant entity. Except this operation, the <b>NIC-DZ</b> expressly disclaims of any responsibility concerning the check of the rights related to a name.</p>
<p><b>12. Transfer Of Domain Names</b></p>	<p>The transfer of a domain name from a registrar to the other one requires that the owner entity of the domain name sends to the <b>NIC-DZ</b> a written and dully signed document by which the entity authorize another entity to modify the data of the applicant under the name requested.</p>
<p><b>13. Dispute Settlement For Identical Domain Name</b></p>	<p>When a domain name was registered for a first entity or when such a registration is in progress, it is up to the entity which wishes the allocation of the same name to appeal with the committee of dispute settlement for domain names under <b>.DZ</b> against the registered first one / requiring (as far as the second entity estimates that the first one has no right to use the aforementioned domain name).</p> <p>In case of conflict with another current request, the <b>NIC-DZ</b> will suspend operation of registration or transfer of domain name in process , or a name already assigned. This until the parts in opposition resolve their conflict by a decision of the dispute settlement for the domain names under <b>.DZ</b>.</p>

## 14. Rules Applicable To Domain Name

Every domain name has to respect strictly the conventions of naming, deducted from technical or administrative constraints in order to ensure a logical organization of **.DZ**.

### 14.1. syntactical constraints:

1. Domain name must contain at least 2 characters and at most 24 characters .
2. Domain name must be only made up starting from the characters: 'a' to 'z', '0' to '9' and of the symbol “-” (dash).
3. Domain name should not be only made up of numbers.
4. The symbol “-” (dash) cannot be allowed in initial or final position.
5. The characters used for names are only in small letters because domain names are insensitive with the distinction between small letters and capital letters.

### 14.2. Administrative constraints:

1. Any entity requesting for the registration of its domain name, must provide a supporting document justifying ownership of the name such as specified in the article 9.
2. Only abbreviations and acronyms, mentioned in the supporting document are retained.
3. Domain name belongs to the entity requiring the registration and not in any case to the registrar or an intermediary indicated by the entity for making the registration process .

### 14.3 . Forbidden terms:

1. The domain name must not be offensive or coarse.
2. The domain name must not be deceptive or misleading.
3. The domain name may not contain any word contrary to the morality.
4. Certain number of names is not attributable even if the request meets perfectly the above mentioned criteria. It includes the names of regions, country, cities, the names of the professions, the generic names, the names or the first names of persons or personalities.

## 15. Notifications

The **NIC-DZ** sends a notification to all the nominees as the contacts in the registration form in the following cases :

- Rejected request
- Or request having generated a warning.

These notifications are sent by fax or by e-mail according to the information of contact of the registration form. In cases the contact could not been established, the **NIC-DZ** request the applicant to take contact with **NIC-DZ**.

<b>16. Rejected Requests</b>	<p>The requests of registration of a domain name can be rejected for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incomplete registration folder</li> <li>• Incomplete or wrong information in the registration form</li> <li>• Domain name not conform with the domain names policy document</li> <li>• The administrative contact is neither a member nor a representative of the applicant entity</li> </ul>
<b>17. Suspension Of The Registration</b>	<p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> can suspend the registration of a domain name in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information of the form are no longer valid because of changes not indicated by the registered.</li> <li>• Use of the domain name for the sending of unsolicited emails (SPAM) , network attacks or any other service which can cause the disruption of the network or damage others parties.</li> <li>• The request of suspension is made by the committee of dispute settlement of domain names under <b>.DZ</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>18. Record In The Domain Name Database</b>	<p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> registers domain names in its own database, which is valid and which answers for all the domain names requests information (whois) under the domain <b>.DZ</b>.</p> <p>The <b>NIC-DZ</b> reserves the right to make this information accessible on his web site with public access <a href="http://www.nic.dz">http://www.nic.dz</a>. This process allows to know the domain name, its administrative and technical contacts.</p>
<b>19. Pricing</b>	<p>The registration fees of domain names in the registry <b>.DZ</b> is supported by the <b>NIC-DZ</b> without any costs for registrars for the benefit of the applicants. For that purpose, the registration procedure must be done on-line through the website <a href="https://registrar.nic.dz">https://registrar.nic.dz</a> .</p> <p>Registrars remain for their part free of their pricing.</p>
<b>20. Modification Of Domain Name Policy Document</b>	<p>This domain name policy document is scalable and the application of the new rules is not retroactive.</p>