

.TH and .ไทย Domain Name Registration Policy

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Part 1 Definitions.

1. **THNIC** means Thai Network Information Center Foundation which is the administration body of .th and .ไทย.
2. **Registrar** means an entity accredited by THNIC for rendering domain name registration services for .th and .ไทย which is currently T.H.NIC Co., Ltd.
3. **Request** means a request of any domain name registration, renewal, termination and change of information.
4. **Person** means a natural person and a juristic person.
5. **Domain Name Holder** means the person who was granted rights to use the domain name from the Registrar.
6. **Authorized Representative** means a person who submitted a domain name registration request and/or a domain name administrator who is 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 will be opened for a limited period each round. The service life cycle and timelines will be announced by THNIC.

2. Third-Level Domain Name Registration Service

This service is available as following specified policies of each domain name category.

Category 1

.ac.th or .ศึกษา.ไทย

This category is designed for academic institutions who are 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 person registered with the Department of Business. Development (DBD), Ministry of Commerce in Thailand.
- (2) Person registered the Value Added Tax with the Revenue Department (RD), Ministry of Finance in Thailand.
- (3) State Enterprises.
- (4) Trademark owners who 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 hold rights in a domain name on their behalf. The agent must be business entity in either article (1) or (2) mentioned above.

Category 3

.go.th or .รัฐบาล.ไทย

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

Category 4

.mi.th or .ทหาร.ไทย

This category is designed for agencies under the Royal Thai Armed Force. An authorization letter from the Department of Military Information, Royal Thai Armed Force Headquarter, allowed an agency to register a domain name is required.

Category 5

.net.th or .เน็ต.ไทย

This category is designed for licensees of telecommunication business license in accordance with the [Telecommunication Business Act 2544 BE](#) (2001 CE)

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, chamber of commerces, clubs, social projects, or international organizations with local branch in Thailand.

Category 7

.in.th or .ไทย

This category is designed for all types of entities in both juristic person and non-juristic person with official location in Thailand; or natural person who are Thai citizen or non-Thai citizen who holds a valid work permit to work in Thailand. Underage person must register their domain name along with their guardian's certification.

Domain name “may not” refer to the name of the organization or the person, nonetheless, domain naming must not conflict with other criteria of .th and .ไทย domain naming.

Foreign trade-mark holders are allowed to register their trade-mark names under .in.th category for the purpose of rights protection only, thus 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 alphabet (a-z) and/or Arabic numerals (0-9), the string must contain at least one character and at most 63 characters. Nevertheless, the 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.

- 3.2. Domain naming may contain hyphen (-) inserted between alphabet or number, but not permitted to insert adjoin with each other. It is not allowed to use neither as the first letter nor the last letter.
- 3.3. Domain name must contain characters deriving from name of organizations, projects, or trademarks unless domain naming specified in Category 7.
 - 3.3.1. In case of domain naming derives from organization name, domain name must explicitly imply to its name; or full name; or abbreviations of any part of the organization name. It is not permitted to switch order, add characters or numerals.
 - 3.3.2. In case of domain naming derives from project name, domain name must explicitly imply to its name; or full name; or abbreviations of any part of the project name. It is not permitted to switch order, add characters or numerals.
 - 3.3.3. In case of domain naming derive from trade-marks, domain name must be the same in all respects, in both alphabets and numbers, with trade-mark name. Not permitted to transform any marks or pictures to be names, words, or characters.
 - 3.3.4. Domain name cannot be reserved names specified in cause 5 of this policy.

4. Criteria of .ไทย Domain Naming

- 4.1. Each .ไทย domain name must consist of Thai alphabet(ก-ฮ ฤ ฦ ฎ ฏ ฐ ฑ ฒ), vowels, tone markers, Yamok(๑), Pintu(๒), Naruekahit(๓), Piyannoi(๔), Karun(๕), and/or Thai numerals(๐-๙). The punny code string must contain at most 63 characters.
- 4.2. .ไทย domain naming may contain Arabic numerals(0-9); but must also contain together with aforementioned Thai characters at least one character.
- 4.3. Domain naming may contain hyphen (-) inserted between alphabet or number, but not permitted to insert adjoin with each other. It is not allowed to use neither as the first letter nor the last letter.
- 4.4. .ไทย domain naming, a chosen name must be Thai name of the organization, project, or trademark, unless otherwise provided by domain naming specified in Category 7.

- 4.4.1. In case of domain naming derives from organization name, domain name must explicitly imply to its name; or full name; or abbreviations of any part of the organization name. It is not permitted to switch order, add characters or numerals.
- 4.4.2. In case of domain naming derives from project name, domain name must explicitly imply to its name; or full name; or abbreviations of any part of the project name. It is not permitted to switch order, add characters or numerals.
- 4.4.3. In case of domain naming derive from trademark, domain name must be the same in all respects, in both alphabets and numbers, to trademark. It is not permitted to transform any marks or pictures to be names, words, or alphabets.
- 4.4.4. Domain name cannot be reserved names specified in cause 5 of this policy.
- 4.4.5. .th domain name holder of every categories are entitled to register .ไทย domain name in the same category. Both .th and .ไทย domain name must be consistent to each other. Refer to synonyms or translations according to the rules of the Office of the Royal Society or equivalent.

5. Reserved Names

Words or specific names that are reserved as following types:

- 5.1. Names related to the king, the royal family and the royalty, including places related to the monarch, royal family and royalty.
- 5.2. Names consist of word(s) that affect the sensitivity in religions and beliefs.
- 5.3. Names consist of word(s) that cause the defamation to any person or organization, including mocking, being sarcastic or despising.
- 5.4. Names of any country, province, city including public place. Or, other words that convey meaning of those names.
- 5.5. Names that use rude word or different from Thai tradition, including words that are not rude by themselves, but 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 reserved name list by THNIC, available for verification on [the Registrar website](#).

6. Number of Domain Name

THNIC reserves the right to verify number of domain name a person eligible to hold on a case-by-case basis. In this regard, THNIC does not encourage any acts to commit Cybersquatting. A user who requesting to register more than one domain name must comply following conditions:

- 6.1. Domain name specified in every registration requests must comply with criteria of domain naming.
- 6.2. Domain name registration request must be exercised in good faith. If the Registrar has doubts on any request to register more than one domain name with suspicious behavior, or can be implied in a way which may not be used in good faith, the Registrar reserves right to reject that request or revoke registered domain name immediately.

7. Nationality of Domain Name Holder

Domain name holder must hold Thai nationality or be a legal entity under Thai law, except foreigners who hold a trademark registered with the DIP in Thailand, foreign trademark owners who hold another nationality, and foreigners who hold a valid work permit to work in Thailand.

8. Fees

Users must pay domain name registration fee and annual renewal fee yearly, or any fees for maintaining rights such as domain name redemption fee, in order 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. A user account of domain name management system, involving another user account that is suspected of being the same person or obviously related, is allowed to submit a request of domain name registration in the same name at most 2 times within 60 days.
- 9.2. Domain name registration request has life cycle 30 days. During this life cycle, other users cannot submit the request in 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 firstly submitted a registration request (unless otherwise specified in other guidelines). Thus, another user will not able to submit a registration request for the same domain name; even though the requestor can present eligible attachments to register that domain name unless in the case of dispute.

10. Domain Name Renewal

Annual domain name renewal is a minimum of 1 year and up to 10 years maximum. Domain name holder is responsible to verify domain name expiry date, submit a renewal request, and complete annual fee payment before the domain name is expired.

11. Transferring Domain Name Ownership

Generally, domain name ownership cannot be transferred to another person except for the followings:

- 11.1. In case of changing trademark ownership.
- 11.2. In case a domain name holder who is a juristic person which its legal status has changed such as mergers and acquisitions that resulted in changing the organization's name, or transfer of business etc.
- 11.3. In case foreign juristic person or foreign trademark owner changed their local agent who was authorized to hold the domain name on their behalf.
- 11.4. In case domain name holder passed away; or a court ordered to be a disappeared person/incompetent person or quasi-incompetent person.

12. Domain Name Termination

Domain name ownership may be terminated as following causes:

- 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 refrain from payment annual renewal fee or the registrar never received any proof of payment to confirm complete payment for a domain name renewal.
- 12.3. The court ordered the revocation of the domain name.
- 12.4. Registrar found out later that a registered domain name is contrary to this policy.

12.5. Death of a domain name holder; or legal disappearance/incompetent person or quasi-incompetent person declared by court.

12.6. Domain name holder who has following legal status: bankruptcy, business dissolution, and compulsory winding-up.

The Registrar reserves rights to verify status of domain name holder in cause 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 it.

14. Rights and Responsibilities

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

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

14.3. THNIC and/or the Registrar do not responsible in any investigations and confirmations of domain name usage. Domain name holder will prevent THNIC and/or the Registrar from damages and charges which arising from litigation of using domain name.

14.4. The Registrar is responsible to administrate cyber security for .th and .ไทย domain name system only. But, administration and protection in cyber security of website and other system(s) under registered domain names is beyond the Registrar's responsibility.

15. Dispute Resolution

THNIC and/or the Registrar reserve rights not to be an intermediary in any disputes which might be occurred among domain name holders. THNIC and/or the Registrar will settle a dispute by relying on court order, or written legal agreement from both parties whether in court or arbitration after the dispute is final

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

16. False Information Notification

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

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

The use of domain name in activities that caused spam, phishing, malware, botnet, and fast flux are unacceptable. The Registrar reserves the rights to revoke a domain name when found out it is used for the aforementioned purposes.

18. Personal Information

THNIC and the Registrar recognize the importance of personal information and privacy of all users. Every provided personal information related to domain name registration is considered an acceptance and permission to THNIC and/or the Registrar to store those data and use them in relevant activities.

THNIC and/or the Registrar will not transfer domain name information to other parties unless it is considered relevant activity. Nevertheless, the Registrar holds all rights to disclose domain name information 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 the registry THNIC and/or 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 is 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.