
Governmental Domain Names Policy

Overview

.berlin is a top-level domain intended for the community of Berliners that are associated with the German State and City of Berlin.

dotBERLIN GmbH & Co. KG (subsequently called the "Registry") takes into consideration the interests of the government of the State and City of Berlin, its authorities, and other municipal organizations.

The Registry will offer a sixty (60) day registration period for Governmental Domain Names. This limited registration period will make available certain domain names reserved by State and City of Berlin to qualified State and City of Berlin government affiliated agencies, organizations and entities.

All domain name registered during this period shall be registered through an ICANN-accredited Registrar to Registrants that have been validated by the State and City of Berlin to receive such domain names.

For the Governmental Domain Names period, any domain name that found on the .berlin SLD reserved list, found at [link] will be available for registration, but cannot be activated in the DNS until ICANN permits.

Rules

- (1) Registrants must be an international, national, regional, local or municipal governmental authority related to the State and City of Berlin or the Federal Republic of Germany (a "Public Authority") submitting a domain name application via a Registrar to the Registry.
- (2) Domain names registered must be either identical to, or translation or a transliteration of, (i) the name or acronym of such Public Authority, (ii) the name of a building, park, monument, airport or other public place operated by such Public Authority, (iii) the name of a region, city, street, district or other geographic area under the governance of such Public Authority, or (iv) the name of a recognized public service provided by such Public Authority.
- (3) Domain names from the .berlin SLD reserved list that do not fit into one of the categories mentioned in para. (2) must not be registered by Registrants according to para. (1). In doubt legal expertise shall be consulted.
- (4) Domain names registered under these policies must no be domain names that are subject to a claim according to the mandatory Trademark Clearinghouse Domain-Name-Liste (DNL) in the

latest version.

- (5) Domain names registered under these policies must not be domain names that are subject to the Name Collision framework in the current version.

- (6) The Governmental Domain Names Phase will
 - start on 01 September 2014 at 10:00:00 UTC and will
 - end on 31 October 2014 at 16:00:00 UTC.