



POLICY - RULES & GUIDELINES

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DotDM Corporation, Commonwealth of Dominica ccTLD (.dm)

The following Rules and Guidelines are incorporated by reference into the DotDM Corporation's ("DOT DM") Registration Agreement.

Upon successful Due Diligence Checks, .dm domain names shall be registered on a first-come, first-served basis.

A Request to Register a .dm domain name may be denied at the Sole Discretion of the DOT DM Registry, particularly if the domain name Requested for Registration is found to be potentially injurious to the Laws, Morals, or Cultural and Diplomatic Sensitivities of the Commonwealth of Dominica and the People of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Such discretion may also be applied once the Request to Register a .dm domain name has been granted. DOT DM Registry may decide to revoke a .dm domain name at any time, should DOT DM Registry determine that the use of such domain name is not made in accordance with the requirements of the DOT DM Acceptable Use Policy or any applicable Policies, Laws and/or Regulations. DOT DM Registry may also decide to revoke a .dm domain name if the domain deviates from the original stated use and basis for Acceptance of the Request for Registration.

It is recommended that DOT DM Policies be reviewed at <https://nic.dm/policies.php> prior to submitting a Request for Registration to ensure compliance with current DOT DM Policies.

Who may register and what types of .dm domain names are available for consideration for registration

Requests for Registration of **.dm** and **.co.dm** domain names are open for consideration to all Entities and Individuals within or outside of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Requests for Registration may be accepted for Second Level **.dm** domain names. The related Third Level Extensions: **com.dm/.net.dm/.org.dm** will be Brand-Protected to the domain name however, these extensions will not be configured in the DOT DM Zone Files.

.edu.dm - Is restricted for use by Educational Institutions Registered and Accredited to operate in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

.gov.dm - Is restricted for use by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

How many and what types of character can a domain name contain

.dm domain names may contain a minimum of **1** to a maximum of **63** characters. However, only **alpha** characters (A-Z) may be registered. Spaces are not allowed. domain names are not case sensitive.

Premium domain names

.dm domain names which contain 1, 2 and 3 **alpha** characters, as well as particular Generic names are viewed as holding a higher value than other .dm domain names. These .dm domain names are considered Premium .dm domain names. A Request for Registration for a designated Premium .dm domain name may be submitted to a .dm Accredited Registrar listed at: <https://nic.dm/registrars.php> or to DOT DM Registrar via email to: service@dotdm.dm.

Reserved / Restricted / Blocked domain names

In consideration of the need to preserve the DOT DM Registry's stability and security and further, in consideration of the need to protect certain Government or State's operations, particular .dm domain names have been Reserved or are Restricted/Blocked from Registration. DOT DM Registry does not publish a list of these .dm domain names.

Requests for Registration of .dm domain names containing the name "**Dominica**" require special processing and approval for use, by the Ministry of National Security and Legal Affairs. Requests for Registration may be submitted to DOT DM Registry via email to: service@dotdm.dm.

Requests for Registration for .dm domain names related to the following Sectors will not be accepted for registration:

Banking, Cryptocurrency, E-commerce, Fintech Services, Insurance and Online Gaming.

Online Gaming is not authorized in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Names of Parishes, Communities, Villages, Towns and Cities located in the Commonwealth of Dominica, once approved for Registration, are reserved for the use of legally resident Nationals, Companies, Organisations and Associations registered in the Jurisdiction.

Where can I register .dm domains?

.dm domain names are available through select .dm Accredited Registrars and their Resellers who are committed to supporting the Goals and Mission of the DOT DM Registry. You may contact a .dm Accredited Registrar listed at: <https://nic.dm/registrars.php>.

Residents of the Commonwealth of Dominica are invited to contact **DOT DM** Registrar Services via email to service@dotdm.dm or thru: <https://dadomains.nic.dm/contact.php>.

How can I find out if a domain name is available?

A search can be made at: <https://whois.dmdomains.dm/> to determine whether a domain name is available for submission as a Request for Registration.

A Request for Registration can be submitted for consideration through a .dm Accredited Registrar listed at: <https://nic.dm/registrars.php> or, for Residents of the Commonwealth of Dominica, to DOT DM Registrar via email to: service@dotdm.dm.

What is the period of registration for a .dm domain name?

.dm domain names are available for registration for a period of 1-10 years. A .dm domain name may be renewed for up to 10 years from the current expiration date.

How much does a .dm registration cost?

The retail price of a .dm domain name registration is determined by each DOT DM Registrar. Please consult a .dm Accredited Registrar or DOT DM Registrar for Pricing.

What are my privacy rights?

DOT DM Privacy Policy can be reviewed at: <https://nic.dm/policies/pdf/DMPPrivacy2019.pdf>.

All personal information about a DOT DM Registrant is "Redacted for Privacy" and is not publicly disclosed in .dm WHOIS Lookup at: <https://whois.dmdomains.dm/>

Personal information may be required to be publicly disclosed to Third Parties provided that such disclosure is consistent with DOT DM Policies.

How do I transfer my domain name to another DOT DM Registrar?

In order to transfer a .dm domain name to the management of another .dm Accredited Registrar please contact the current .dm Accredited Registrar to begin the process and to ensure compliance with all DOT DM Transfer Policies.

Transfers are not permitted within the first 60 days of initial registration of a .dm domain name. .dm domain names which are successfully transferred will be automatically renewed for one (1) additional year.

How do I transfer the domain name to another Registrant?

In order to transfer a .dm domain name to another Registrant, please contact your current Registrar to begin the process and to ensure compliance with all DOT DM Transfer Policies.

What is the procedure for renewing a domain?

The DOT DM Registry follows the principle of an “AUTO-RENEW” Registry.

.dm Accredited Registrars are required to manage Deletion requests with their Clients prior to the expiration date of their .dm domain name.

Renewal Notices are sent to the email address in the .dm domain name Record by .dm Accredited Registrars and by DOT DM Registrar on regular intervals, 60, 30, 15 and 5 days prior to the Renewal date of a .dm domain name.

Registrants are urged to maintain current contact details in compliance with the DOT DM Registration Agreement viewed at:

<https://nic.dm/policies/pdf/DM%20Registration%20Agreement%202024%20V1.5.pdf>

Failure to respond to Renewal Notices results in deletion of a .dm domain.

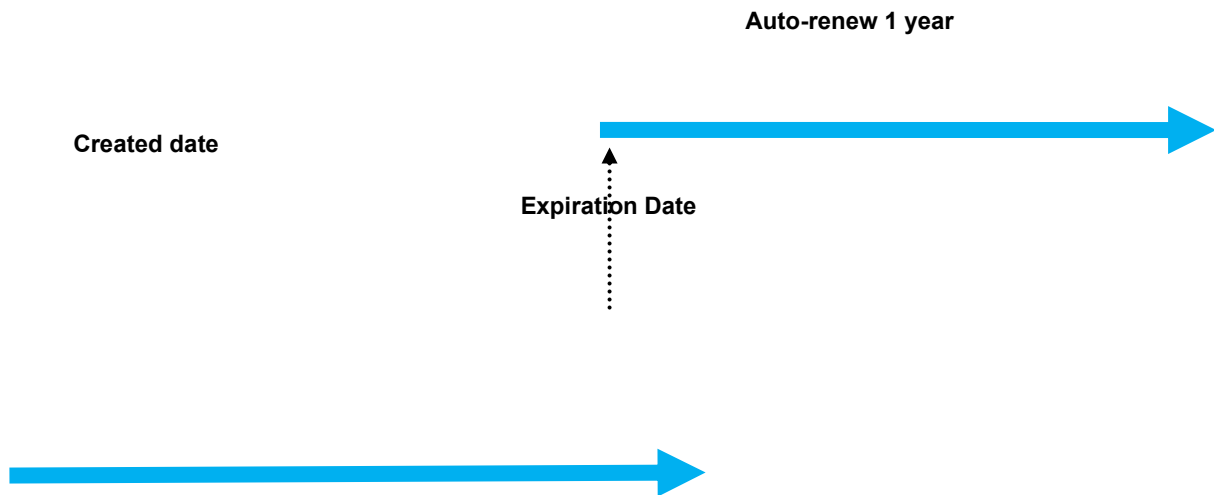
A .dm domain name which has been explicitly deleted by a .dm Accredited Registrar or DOT DM Registrar, may be Restored at the request of a DOT DM Registrant.

A Restore Fee will apply to a .dm domain name which has been explicitly Deleted and Restored in addition to the Annual Renewal Fee.

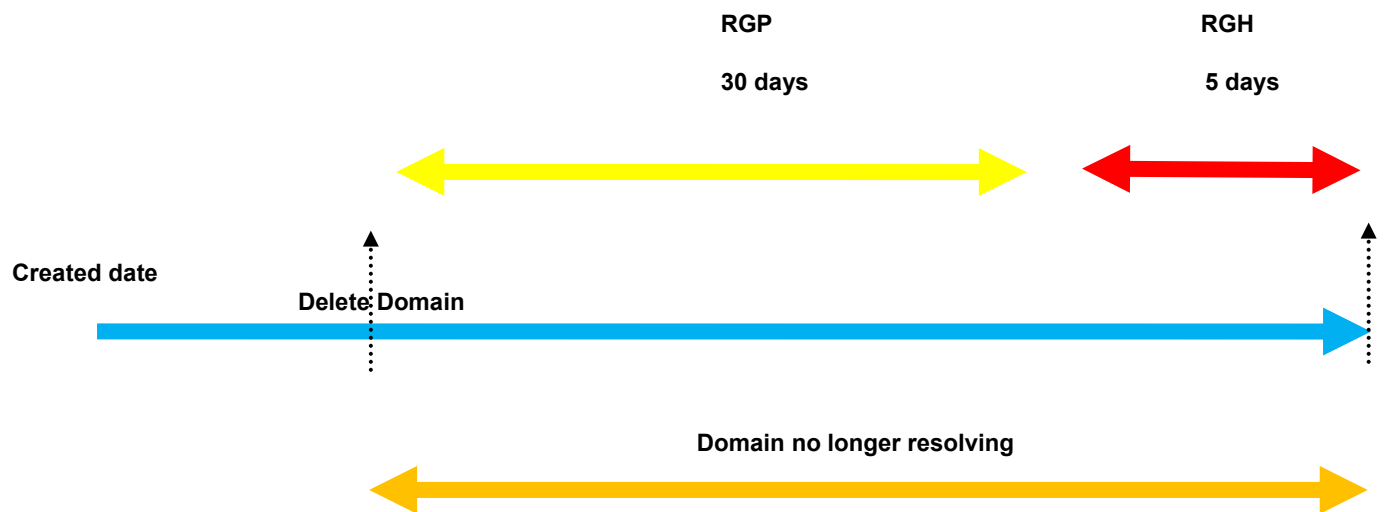
Please refer to the .dm domain Life Cycle which follows on Page 5

.dm domain name Lifecycle

Interaction “auto- renew”



Interaction “delete “ domain



RGP **Redemption Grace Period (Status: Pending Delete)**

RGH **Redemption Grace Hold (Status: Pending Hold)**