



# .scot Registration Policy

## Definitions

This Registration Policy sets forth the terms and conditions, which govern .scot domain name registrations. In this Registration Policy:

- a. **"Registrant"**, **"You"** and **"Your"** refers to the individual or entity which applies for or wishes to register a .scot domain name.
- b. **"Registry Operator"**, **"We"**, **"Us"** and **"Our"** refers to the dot Scot Registry Ltd, as entity responsible for operating the .scot Top Level Domain, regardless of whether acting directly or through an authorized agent.
- c. **"ICANN"** means the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

## 1. Acceptance of this Registration Policy

- 1.1 By applying to register a .scot domain name, or by asking to maintain or renew Your domain name, You agree to be legally bound by:
  - a. This Registration Policy set forth by the Registry Operator of the .scot TLD, as amended from time to time;
  - b. The Registration Agreement provided by the sponsoring registrar through which you applied for a .scot domain name; and
  - c. Any other policies mandated by ICANN from time to time.
- 1.2 You hereby represent and warrant to Us that the statements that you made in Your Registration Agreement with the registrar sponsoring Your .scot domain name are complete and accurate.
- 1.3 You agree and acknowledge that it is Your sole responsibility to determine whether Your .scot domain name registration and use complies with this Registration Policy.
- 1.4 Your .scot domain name shall be in accordance with the syntax norms established by ICANN and by Us, and shall not consist of any of the reserved names established by Us. You acknowledge that a domain name registered against the syntax norms, the reserved names, or this Registration Policy may be cancelled without a refund. We will not be liable in any case for such cancellation.
- 1.5 We cannot guarantee that You will obtain a desired domain name, even if an inquiry indicates that such domain name is available at the time of Your application.
- 1.6 You acknowledge and agree that registration of Your chosen .scot domain name does not confer immunity from objection to the registration or use of the domain name, as set forth in Clause 5 below.

## 2. Eligibility Requirements

- 2.1 **Nexus with the .scot community.** To register and renew a .scot domain name you must be an individual or a legal entity with a nexus to the .scot community. This nexus means that you must be linked to the community at the time of registration and thereafter on a linguistic, cultural, tourism, business basis, or any other activity conducive to the welfare of the worldwide Scottish community



Registrations under the .scot TLD are restricted to bona-fide members of the .scot community, and subject to the further requirement that the registrant's actions in the .scot community, as well as the registrant's use of the registered domain name, must be:

- (i) generally accepted as legitimate; and
- (ii) beneficial to the cause and the values of the .scot community; and
- (iii) commensurate with the role and importance of the registered domain name; and
- (iv) in good faith at the time of registration and thereafter.

Registrants are required to state their intended use of the registered domain name. A false statement of intended use is an indication of bad faith and can be the basis for the suspension of the domain name.

Community nexus is subject to post-validation by way of an extensive compliance program based on the same criteria that form the basis of the TLD: language, culture, tourism and business. The ongoing compliance program will regularly be adapted to current needs based on experience and audit findings. Community nexus validation combined with strong protection of trademarks helps stamp out cybersquatting and abusive registrations.

### 3. Use of Your .scot domain name

You, Registrant, agree that:

- a. You are fully responsible for the registration and use of the .scot registered domain name. If You allow another person to use your .scot domain name, You may be held liable for wrongful use of your domain name (i.e. the domain name for which You are the Registrant) by the third party.
- b. You will use the .scot domain name in a way that is:
  - i. generally accepted as legitimate; and
  - ii. beneficial to the cause and the values of the Scottish community; and
  - iii. commensurate to the role and importance of the domain, according to the judgement that an average user would reasonably make in the context of that domain name; and
  - iv. based on good faith at registration and thereafter.

Names which do not meet these requirements include, among others, those which or whose use may, at the Registry Operator's discretion:

- \* Mislead or deceive the public, for instance as to the geographical place they refer to or the official nature of its origin; or
- \* Take unfair advantage of the primary meaning or repute attributed by the public to the selected name; or



- \* Hamper the potential content, from a public interest perspective, for the domain name in question, keeping in mind the primary meaning of the name (i.e. whether it is descriptive or generic in nature) and/or the repute attributed by the relevant public to such name.
- d. You will not use Your .scot domain name in violation of any rights of third-parties, including but not limited to third-party's intellectual property rights in the broadest sense.
- e. You will not use Your .scot domain name to offer third level domain name registrations to independent third parties as a commercial registry type service.
- f. You will not use Your .scot domain name to send unsolicited commercial advertisements in contradiction to either applicable laws or customary acceptable usage policies of the Internet.
- g. You will not distribute malware, abusively operate botnets, phish, piracy, trademark or copyright infringement, fraudulent or deceptive practices, counterfeit, or otherwise engage in any activity contrary to any applicable law.
- h. You will not use Your .scot domain name for the purpose of trafficking in domain names for sale, resale or transfer. Furthermore, You shall not enable, contribute or willingly aid any third party to achieve the said purpose.
- h. You will not use Your .scot domain name in a manner that may damage or bring into disrepute the name, image or reputation of the the .scot community

#### 4. Reservation of Rights for Compliance

4.1 We reserve the right, in Our sole discretion, to:

- a. deny or cancel any .scot domain name applied for or registered in violation of the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 2 above (i.e. lack of Community Nexus); and to
- b. suspend and/or cancel any .scot domain name registration whose Registrant has lost the nexus with the .scot Community as required in Clause 2.1.

Our decision to grant, deny and/or suspend Your .scot domain name under this Clause 4.1 may be challenged through the .scot Eligibility Requirements and Reconsideration Dispute Resolution Procedure (ERDRP) referred to in Clause 5.1 c.

4.2 We and Our accredited registrars reserve the right to, in Our sole discretion, deny, suspend and/or cancel Your .scot domain name registration if:

- a. You fail to follow this Registration Policy, including but not limited to, if you directly or indirectly use Your .scot domain name in contradiction with any of the obligations set forth in Clause 3;
- b. You willfully provide inaccurate or unreliable Contact Information, or intentionally or negligently fail to promptly update it;
- c. You fail to respond for over ten (10) days to inquiries by the registrar or reseller sponsoring the registration and/or by Us concerning the accuracy of Contact Information associated with Your domain name or another incidence associated to Your .scot domain name;
- d. You or third parties reasonably appear to be engaging in illegal activity in the use of Your .scot domain name;



- e. Your domain name reasonably appears to be infringing upon or is likely to violate the rights of third parties;
- f. You engage in a conduct that may reasonably put Us or Our accredited registrars in breach of any applicable Law, governing authority, public policy or third party agreement; and/or
- g. Any competent Law enforcement agency, Court of Justice or any other relevant authority requests that We do so.

In case that We determine lack of compliance, either on this Registration Policy or on data accuracy, You will be contacted to elect the situation. If not solved in due time (15 days unless a shorter term is specified in ), Your .scot domain name will be suspended for thirty (30) additional days. Unless the lack of compliance is corrected by this deadline, Your .scot domain name will be cancelled. You acknowledge and agree that in case of suspension and/or cancellation of your .scot domain name under this Clause 4.2, you will not be reimbursed any registry fees.

You may challenge Our decision to suspend and/or cancel your .scot domain name under this Clause 4.2 pursuant the Compliance Reconsideration Dispute Resolution Procedure (“**CRDRP**”), and which can be found at [link].

4.3 We also reserve the right to deny, suspend, modify the status, cancel and/or transfer any registration if deemed necessary (i) to protect the integrity, security, and stability of the .scot registry; (ii) to comply with all applicable laws, government rules or requirements, requests of law enforcement, in compliance with any dispute resolution process; (iii) to avoid any liability, civil or criminal, on Our part as well as Our agents, officers, directors, representatives, employees, and stockholders.

## 5. Submission to Dispute Resolution Policies

- 5.1 You adhere and agree to comply with all applicable ICANN and Our policies and procedures for resolution of disputes concerning your .scot domain name. Specifically, You agree to submit the following Dispute Resolution Policies, whose challenges may be brought by any legitimate third party against Your .scot domain name registration:
  - a. The Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy adopted by ICANN, which can be found at <http://www.icann.org/en/help/dndr/udrp/policy> (“**UDRP**”), which is incorporated into this Registration Policy by reference. Any third party challenge of your .scot domain name registration following UDRP Proceedings will be conducted according to the Rules available at <http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/uniform-rules.htm>, and the selected administrative-dispute-resolution service provider’s supplemental rules.
  - b. The Uniform Rapid Suspension (“**URS**”) Policy and URS Procedure adopted by ICANN, which can be found at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs>; as well as to any other dispute policies mandated by ICANN, including but not limited to expedited processes for suspension of a domain name by claims pursued by intellectual property right holders; and
  - c. The .scot Eligibility Restrictions Dispute Resolution Procedure (“**ERDRP**”), which sets out the terms and conditions in connection with any challenge to a decision by Us concerning eligibility to register in .scot, and which can be found at [link].
- 5.2 You acknowledge and agree that the Registry Operator may not guarantee the peaceful and continued use of Your .scot domain name in the case of a successful challenge by a legitimate third party through



one of the above dispute resolution mechanisms or by the order of a Court of competent jurisdiction or another competent public authority.

## 6. Accuracy of the Contact Information

- 6.1 You agree to provide all the required information of the domain name being registered as well as complete, accurate and reliable contact details from persons or entities associated with domain name records as required by the registration process, including:
- a. Your full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and (where available) fax number;
  - b. The full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and (where available) fax number of the technical contact for the registered name;
  - c. The full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and (where available) fax number of the administrative contact for the registered name;
  - d. The full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and (where available) fax number of the billing contact for the registered name; and
  - e. Any other data element required, in which case the alternative required data elements shall replace and supersede the above-referred data.

All data referred to in this Section 6.1 shall be jointly referred to as "**Contact Information**". Providing Contact Information is mandatory in order to register a domain name.

- 6.2 You shall immediately correct and update the Contact Information during the term of the domain name registration.

## 7. Personal Data Protection

- 7.1 Your Contact Information is collected by the sponsoring Registrar (or its reseller) and will be transmitted to Us and processed by Us for the purposes of registering and maintaining Your .scot domain name. Specifically, You acknowledge that Your Contact Information will be:
- a. Processed by Us to provide registry services, as required by ICANN;
  - b. Made publicly available through the Whois database service, where the Contact Information can be consulted, on a query-by-query basis, by anybody with access to the Internet;
  - c. Transmitted to [ ], a reputable escrow agent, to be held in escrow, with no use other than verification that the deposited data is complete, consistent, and in proper format, until released to ICANN. In the event the escrow agreement is released, ICANN or its assignee shall have a non-exclusive irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free license for any use related to the operation, maintenance or transition of the .scot TLD.
  - d. Additionally, Your Contact Information may be made available to ICANN for inspection.
- 7.2 We will not process the Contact Information in a manner incompatible with these purposes. We will take reasonable precautions to protect the Contact Information from loss, misuse, unauthorized access or disclosure, alteration or destruction, as well as undertaking any other security measure required by



applicable Law.

7.3 By applying for a .scot domain name You agree to the processing of your Contact Information in accordance with this Clause and, specifically, you expressly consent to the use, copying, distribution, publication, modification and other processing and transferring of your Contact Information in a manner consistent with the purposes specified above and with relevant mandatory local data protection and privacy laws.

7.4 With respect to third-party individuals whose personal data You may provide Us with (via your Registrar or Registrar's reseller), You represent and warrant that You have informed such third-party individuals of the intended uses and recipients of their personal data, of how can they access and, if necessary, modify the data We hold about them. You also represent and guarantee that You have obtained from such third party individuals the corresponding consent to process their personal data according to this Registration Policy.

## 8. Indemnification

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, You shall fully defend, indemnify and hold the Registry Operator harmless from any and all loss, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from any third party claim, action, or demand arising out any dispute in relation to the registration and/or operation of Your .scot domain name, including but not limited to disputes arising out of or in relation with the breach of Clause 3.

## 9. Policy Modifications

We reserve the right to modify this Registration Policy at any time. We will post the revised Registration Policy at at least thirty (30) calendar days before it becomes effective. Unless this version of the Registration Policy has already been invoked by the submission of a complaint or dispute under this Policy, in which event the version of this Policy in effect at the time it was invoked will apply to you until the dispute is over, all such changes will be binding upon You with respect to any domain name registration dispute, whether the dispute arose before, on or after the effective date of Our change. In the event that You object to a change in this version of the Registration Policy, Your sole remedy is to cancel Your .scot domain name registration, provided that You will not be entitled to a refund of any registry fees. The revised Registration Policy will apply to You until You cancel Your domain name registration.