



RULES & GUIDELINES

DotDM Corporation, Commonwealth of Dominica ccTLD (.dm)

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Rules and Guidelines

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

.DM Domain names shall be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. At the sole discretion of the .DM Registry, a registrant's offer to register a .dm domain shall be denied if the domain under offer 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.

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

.DM Domain names can contain a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 63 characters. However, only letters and hyphens ("- ") can be registered, numerals are not accepted. Also, the name cannot begin nor end with a hyphen nor should it include spaces. Names are not case sensitive.

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 to all entities and individuals within or outside of the Commonwealth of Dominica with no domicile nor documentation requirements.

Registrations accepted for a **.dm** domain name also include the **.com.dm/.net.dm/.org.dm** third level extensions. Contact details and server information used for the second level will also be used for the third level extensions.

.edu.dm suffix is restricted to Educational or Training Institutions registered, accredited for operating in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

.gov.dm suffix is restricted for use by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

It is recommended that **.DM Policies** be reviewed at <http://nic.dm/policies.php> prior to submitting an offer for registration to ensure compliance with current **.DM Policies**.

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 over other **.dm** names. They are considered Premium Domain Names and are subject to a request and an offer for Registration which may be submitted to premium@dotdm.dm for further consideration.

DM Accredited Registrars will have access to a list of these Premium Domains upon Release of these domains in early 2020.

Reserved and Restricted / Blocked Domain Names

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

Requests for Registration of Domain Names containing the name "**Dominica**" require special processing in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, Immigration and National Security. Requests may be submitted to admin@dotdm.dm.

Where can I register .dm domains?

.DM domain names are available through select Accredited Registrars and their Resellers committed to supporting the goals and mission of the DotDM Corporation's Domain Name Registry. You may contact a **.DM** Accredited Registrar listed at: www.nic.dm/registrars.php

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

.DM Domains are available for registration for a term from 1-10 years. A 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 Registrar and their Resellers. Please consult your Registrar or Domain Name Provider for pricing details.

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

Through your Registrar, a search will be made to determine whether a domain name is available. Once available, an offer for registration may be submitted to **.DM** Registry. Alternatively, a search for Domain availability may be carried out at DM Registry's Network Information Center (NIC) <http://www.nic.dm/whois.php>

What should I do if my desired domain has already been registered?

A search for an alternate Domain Name may be carried out by submitting variations of the desired Name.

Is a domain name registered in real time?

All domain name offers for registration are reviewed for consideration during pre-determined intervals and the related Registrar promptly informed.

What are my privacy rights?

.DM Privacy Policy can be reviewed at: <http://www.nic.dm/policies/pdf/DMPrivacy2019.pdf>.

.DM will not release a Registrant's phone number, address or email contact details without the consent of the Registrant or unless, under the circumstances detailed in "Use and Disclosure" section, Clause 5 of the .DM Privacy Policy.

How do I transfer my domain name to another Registrar?

In order to transfer a domain name to the management of another Registrar please contact the current Registrar to begin the process and to ensure compliance with all .DM Transfer Policies. .DM Registry does not permit Transfers within the first 60 days of registration of a domain name. Domain names which are successfully transferred will be automatically renewed for one additional year.

How do I transfer the domain name to another registrant?

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

What is the procedure for renewing a Domain?

The .DM Registry follows the principle of an "AUTO-RENEW" Registry.

.DM Registrars manage deletion requests with their clients prior to the expiration date of the domain name.

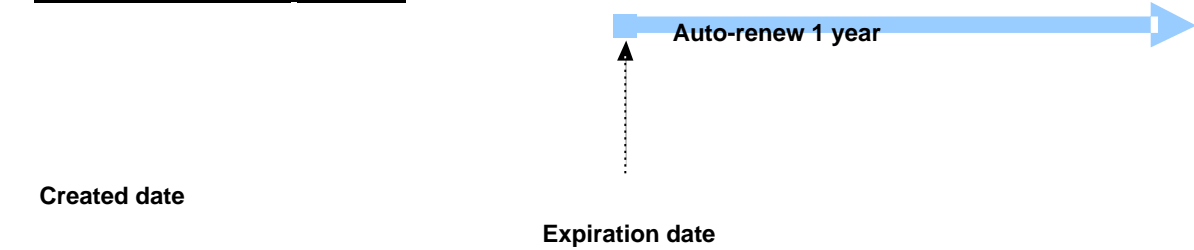
Renewal Notifications are sent on regular intervals to the email address on record prior to the renewal date of the Domain Name. Registrants are urged to maintain current contact details in compliance with their Registration Agreement.

Failure to respond to renewal notifications from a Registrar will result in deletion of the Domain. A Restore Fee in addition to the Standard Renewal Fee will apply to a Domain which has been deleted and subsequently requested for restoration, once the request is received within the Redemption Grace Period (RGP) of thirty (30) days.

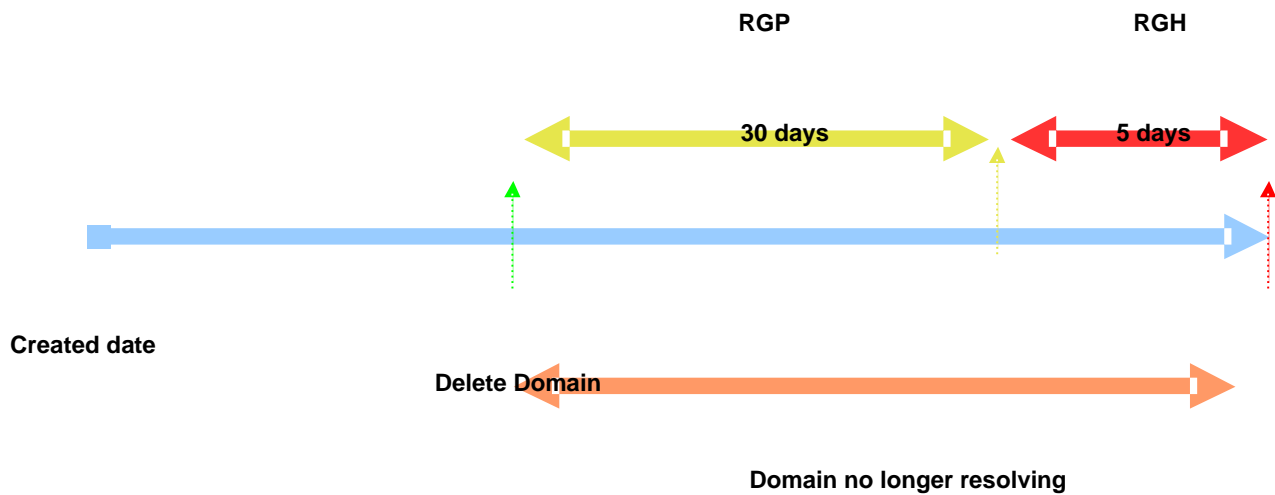
PLEASE REFER TO .DM DOMAIN LIFECYCLE CHART FOLLOWING:

.DM Domain Lifecycle

Interaction “auto-renew”



Interaction “delete” domain



RGP Redemption Grace Period (Status: Pending Delete)

RGH Redemption Grace Hold (Status: Pending Hold)