



## RULES & GUIDELINES

DotDM Corporation, Commonwealth of Dominica ccTLD (.dm)

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The following 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.**

**A registrant's offer to register a .dm domain may be denied at the sole discretion of the .DM Registry, particularly 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.**

**Such discretion may also be applied once the Registrant's offer to register a .dm domain has been granted. .DM Registry may decide to revoke a .DM Domain name at any time, should .DM Registry determine that the use of such .dm domain is not made in accordance with the requirements of the .DM Acceptable Use Policy or those of any applicable Laws and/or Regulations.**

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

### **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 requirements.

Registrations may be accepted for Second Level **.dm** Domain Names. The corresponding Third Level extensions: **.com.dm/.net.dm/.org.dm** will be Brand-Protected to the Registrant. However, these Third Level extensions: **.com.dm/.net.dm/.org.dm** cannot be configured in the DM zone.

**.edu.dm** - suffix is restricted to Educational Institutions registered and accredited for operating in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

**.gov.dm** - suffix 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 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.

## **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. These Names are considered Premium Domain Names. A Request for Registration accompanied by an offer, may be submitted to [premium@dotdm.dm](mailto:premium@dotdm.dm) for further consideration.

## **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 National Security and Home Affairs. Requests for registration may be submitted to [admin@dotdm.dm](mailto: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](http://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 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 for consideration. Alternatively, a search for Domain availability may be carried out at DM Registry's Network Information Center (NIC) <http://www.nic.dm/whois.php>

## **Is a domain name registered in real time?**

All domain name offers for registration are reviewed for consideration in compliance with DM Policies during the course of a business day. The related Registrar is informed accordingly.

## **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.**

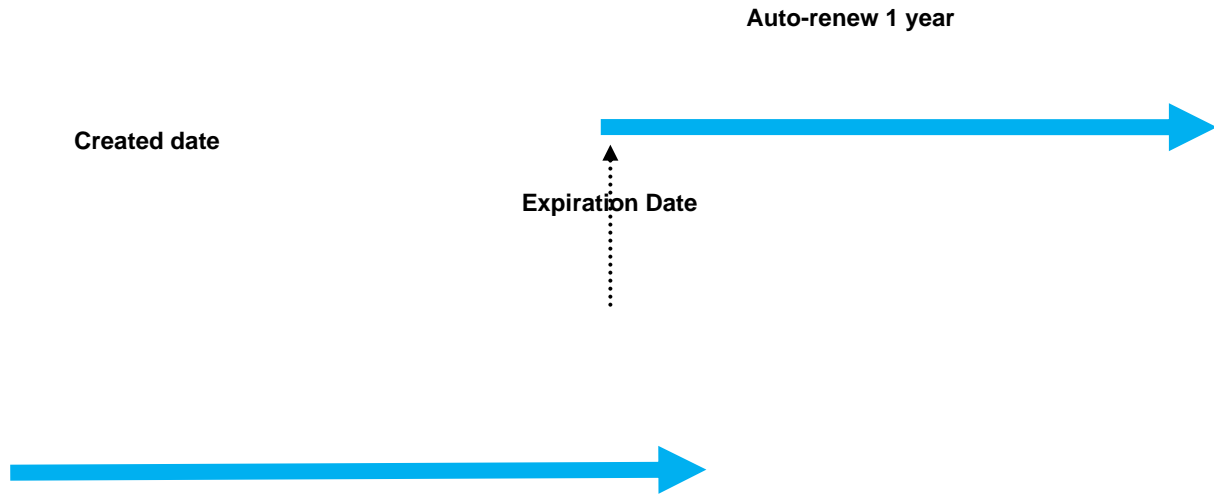
**Renewal Notifications are sent on regular intervals to the email address on record prior to the renewal date of the Domain Name. Registrants are urged to maintain current contact details in compliance with the .DM Registration Agreement.**

**Failure to respond to renewal notifications from a .DM Registrar will result in deletion of the Domain.**

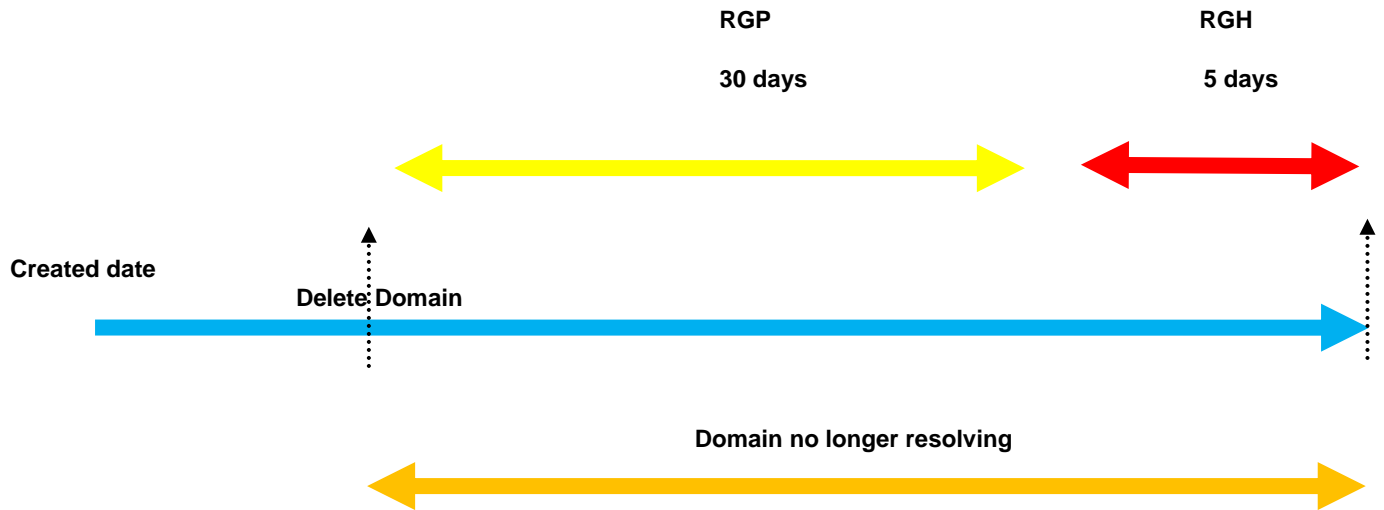
**A Restore Fee in addition to the Standard Renewal Fee will apply to a Domain which has been deleted and restored, once the request is received within the Redemption Grace Period (RGP) of Thirty (30) days.**

# .DM Domain Lifecycle

## Interaction “auto-renew”



## Interaction “delete “ domain



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

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