

Communications and Media Commission



.IQ Registration Policy



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Registration policies apply to all domains and sub-domains which end with the suffix (.IQ). They set out mutual rights and obligations between CMC and Registrant.

Objective:

The policy aims at developing provisions to regulate CMC-issued domain names registration process.

First-Come, First-Served:

- Domain name shall be assigned under (**First-Come, First-Served**) basis, i.e. applications shall be processed by CMC domain name management system in the order they were received without partiality or favoritism.
- In case two or more eligible applications were received for the same domain name, the applicant whose application was received first shall be prioritized.

Use of Accredited Registrar to CMC:

- Domain name Applicant shall choose an accredited licensee by the CMC to act on behalf of the Applicant in dealing with domain name management system.
- Applications may be submitted to CMC by hand or by email.

Domain Name Selection:

Applicant's selection of a domain name must meet CMC policy requirements as set out in this document or any other policy, decision, or order by CMC.

Domain Name Registration Period Selection:

Registration validity: (1-2 Year) subject to renewal after period expiration.

Applicant's Responsibility for Domain Name:

- Registration of a domain name shall not result in any intellectual property right or any other rights of such name or its parts.
- Applicant is responsible for verifying its eligibility to use a domain name, and that its registration or usage of a name does not infringe others' intellectual property rights or any other similar rights, nor does it harm any person's reputation or contradicts with applicable laws in Iraq.

No Domain Name Restrictions:

No restrictions imposed on the number of domain name registrations made by an Applicant as long as this document or other CMC policies observed.

Domain Name Application:



- CMC policies set forth domain name application requirements. Accredited registrars shall ensure their applications meet CMC policy requirements.
- Domain name Applications which do not meet the policy requirements shall be disregarded by CMC regardless of any data provided by an accredited registrar or other parties.
- CMC reserves the right to reject any application which contradicts with the CMC policies, provisions, or instructions.

Reserved Words, Domain Names:

- CMC reserves a database of the words which are not allowed to be registered in CMC domain name registration system. Words reservation applies to the English language used in the system.
 - contradiction with applicable laws and regulations in Iraq,
 - preserving Iraq's religious, moral, and social values,
 - becoming a second-level domain to enable registering third-level domain names,
 - observing generally-accepted technical standards,
 - any other reasonable reasons to protect the country.
- A list of the reserved words shall be kept to CMC domain name system. The list includes the following by the way of example and not limitation:
 - names of Iraqi governmental departments and institutions,
 - abbreviated names of Iraq's local areas or neighborhoods,
 - names of world's states
- Domain name applications shall be verified vs. the list supra.
- CMC may, at its own discretion:;
 - add, delete, amend, or change the list of reserved words from time to time pursuant to recommendations by governmental entities in Iraq.
 - enlist any word at any time to the list,
 - register a domain name which contains a reserved name,
 - allow keeping a registration with a reserved name,
 - revoke a domain name which contains a reserved name.
- CMC may reject, revoke, or suspend any application/ domain name which CMC deems to be fallen, deliberately or inadvertently, within the reserved words for:
- affecting public morals, violation of public order, or contradiction with religion,
 - deceiving the public,
 - involvement in fraudulent or illegal activity,
 - contradiction with Iraq's interests/security,
 - being a name of a governmental organization
 - being a name of well-known figure (unless with prior permission of the figure concerned).
 - conformity with another word/name added or to be added from time to time to the reserved words list



- conformity with trade marks or others' service marks (unless with prior permission of the entity concerned).

Reserved Words Registration Application:

CMC may register a domain name following submission of legal proof of by an Applicant.

Domain Name Deletion and Suspension by CMC:

CMC may, at its own discretion, delete or suspend any registered domain name to :

- protect the safety and stability of CMC domain name management system.
- observe Iraqi valid laws, codes, government requirements, request by law enforcement agencies, or any other process to settle disputes .
- avoid any legal, civil, criminal liability on CMC, its managers, officials, employees and agents .
- correct errors made by CMC or any other accredited registrar associated with the process of domain name registration.

Requirements of Domain Name Creation by using ASCII English Characters:

- Domain names, which consist of ASCII English characters in the .IQ second or third level, must conform to the following requirements.
- Domain names should be in the form used (U model). The following should also be observed :
- each name should consist of (2 - 63) characters .
- using ASCII English characters. Other characters such as (a-z), numbers (0-9), dash symbol (-), or a combination of such can also be used.
- starting with a character or number and ending up with a character or number .
- No comma at the beginning or the end,
- No dash symbols in the third and fourth positions, e.g. (www.ab--cd.iq),
- No spaces, e.g. (www . ab cd .iq).

Domain Name Eligibility Requirements:

Eligibility for Second-Level Domain Name under (.iq):

- To register a second-level domain name under (.iq), Applicant is not required to submit any documentary proof or meet the eligibility requirements except for those mentioned in this policy or any other policy as set forth in the Registrant agreement.
- Such domain names are available to any applicant by any accredited registrar in accordance with CMC policy .
- Second-level domain names ending with (.iq) are available for individuals, business, government and institutions .
- The following should meet eligibility requirements in order to apply for (.iq) domain name:



- commercial commissions.
- IT companies and service providers .
- Natural individuals, citizens, or residents in Iraq.
- Non-profitable organizations.
- Schools and private institutions recognized by Higher Education.

Eligibility for Third Level Domain Name under (com.iq):

- Third-level domain names ending with (com.iq) are available to officially-registered commercial entities. (Com.iq) Applicant should submit a proof to its own accredited register that he/she :
- holds a valid commercial license issued by Iraqi Ministry of Trade and/or competent entities in Iraq in accordance with the Iraqi laws, or
- owns a registered trade mark in Iraq.
- Third-level domain names ending with (com.iq) are only available through accredited registers whose main headquarters and operations are located in Iraq.

Eligibility for Third-Level Domain Name under (net.iq):

- Third-level domain names ending with (net.iq) are available to the registered ICT companies and communications providers. (Net.iq) Applicant should submit a proof to its own accredited register that he/she :
- has a valid commercial license issued by Iraqi Ministry of Trade and/or competent entities in Iraq to provide ICT services in accordance with the Iraqi laws, or
- owns a registered trade mark in Iraq in regard to ICT services or products.
- Third-level domain names ending with (net.iq) are only available through accredited registers whose main headquarters and operations are located in Iraq.

Eligibility of Third Level Domain Names under (Name.iq):

- The third level domain names ending with (name.iq) are available for natural individuals whether citizens or residents of Iraq. Any of the following should be submitted by (name.iq) Applicant:
 - Valid passport, or
 - Valid Iraqi ID.
- Third-level domain names under (name.iq) are only available through accredited registers whose main headquarters and operations are located in Iraq.



Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (org.iq):

- Third-level domain names ending with (org.iq) are available for natural private charity organizations as well as public interest organization in Iraq, including:
 - Sports institutions,
 - Charity organizations ,
 - Professional institutions,
 - Religious institutions.
- Applicants for (org.iq) shall provide the accredited registrar with a copy of their organization's certificate of incorporation or establishment in accordance with Iraqi laws.
- Third-level domain names ending with (org.iq) are only available through CMC.

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (sch.iq) and (edu.iq):

- Third-level domain names ending with (sch.iq) are dedicated for public and private schools, whereas (edu.iq) is available for higher education institutions in Iraq, including universities, colleges, and educational institutions.
- Applicants for (sch.iq) and (edu.iq) shall submit a copy of their certificate of registration as an academic school or institution, or provide a letter of proof issued by the educational institution or the component commission in Iraq in accordance with the Iraqi laws in force.

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (gov.iq):

- Third-level domain names ending with (gov.iq) are available for ministries, general inspector offices, governmental directorates of ministries, governmental institutions, as well the provincial councils in Iraq.
- Applicant for (gov.iq) must be an administrative or technical representative of a government department.
- Third-level domain names ending with (gov.iq) are only available through CMC.

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Names under (Mil.iq)

- Third-level domain names which end with (Mil.iq) are available for military institutions.
- Registrant must be a military entity established under Iraqi legislations.
- Applicant must provide CMC with a formally-signed letter by the related military entity.
- Third-level domain names ending with (gov.iq) are only available through CMC.



Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (info.iq):

- CMC currently accepts applications of the third level domain names under (info.iq).

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (Fm.iq):

- CMC currently accepts applications of the third level domain names under (Fm.iq).

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (biz.iq):

- CMC currently accepts applications of the third level domain names under (biz.iq).

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (pro.iq):

- CMC currently accepts applications of the third level domain names under (pro.iq).

Eligibility of Third-Level Domain Name under (press.iq):

- CMC currently accepts applications of the third level domain names under (press.iq).

Information Collected during Registration:

The registrar shall observe the technical standards and provisions “Annex of Registration Form”, which can be found on CMC website.

CMC Policy Enforcement:

- CMC shall monitor and apply its policy as necessary to ensure the safety of domain name management system related to the service. It reserves the right to revoke any domain name found to be in breach of CMC policy, terms, or conditions on which granting the license was based.
- Accredited registrar shall verify domain name applications to ensure consistency with CMC policies prior to migrating to domain name management system.



Policy Violation:

- CMC reserves the right to revoke or suspend a domain name license if a registrar submits false guarantee; misleading or inaccurate information; or incomplete information during application process or as part of the application.
- CMC reserves the right to revoke any domain name license if a registrar found to be in breach of any law or regulation in the Republic of Iraq.
- CMC may take any action against the accredited registrar if evidence was found that the accredited registrar has approved, without the minimum level of attention and care required, to register a domain name which violates the relevant policy.

Policy Definition and Review

This policy was prepared and published for the purpose of making available to the public CMC policies relating to technical and administrative management.

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