

Blocked and Reserved Names Policy (February 28, 2014)

This Policy is in effect as of February 28, 2014. It describes and explains the Policies regarding domain names unavailable for general registration in the .SAARLAND TLD ("TLD").

1) Blocked Names

The Registry has excluded strings with a high potential of illegal use or abuse from general registration as domain names in the TLD by placing them on a list of prohibited strings. This means that these strings may not be registered as domain names. The list of prohibited strings has been developed in cooperation between the Registry and agencies of the federal state of the Saarland in accordance with this Policy.

The Registry may add additional names to the list of blocked names at any time. In case of already registered names, such names will not become available for registration after a deletion.

2) Reserved Names

a) The Registry has agreed with the state government of the Saarland to reserve a number of strings for the exclusive use by the federal state of the Saarland and its organs, its local divisions and connected organisations (for example national subsidiaries, project management organisations, institutionally supported organisations, public-law institutions) and by administrative districts, cities and communities of the Saarland, as well as strings related to tourism in the Saarland, and other names related to the public interest. This includes organizations invested with public functions in the Saaland by federal or state law. These reserved names are not available for immediate registration and may only be released and used to promote the Saarland region and to promote public interest regarding economic, social and cultural life in the Saarland with the express permission of an office, agency or officer designated by the state government in accordance with the Activation Procedure. The list of reserved domain names shall be revised upon request of the government of the Saarland in order to include new terms or in order to delete terms from the list. In case a registered domain name is included, this domain name will not be available for general registration if the domain name is definitely deleted. Such domain names will be released exclusively to the appropriate organization or office and may not be traded, sold or otherwise made available to not authorized third parties.

b) In accordance with <u>Specification 5</u> of the Registry Agreement with ICANN, a further list of initially prohibited strings has been created pending the definition of a procedure by ICANN and/or the Registry for the release of these strings.

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c) The Registry has reserved the following domain names for its own use:

dns.saarland domaintest.saarland example.saarland dot.saarland index.saarland nic.saarland punkt.saarland rdds.saarland registry.saarland suche.saarland whois.saarland www.saarland fans.saarland dein.saarland deinName.saarland deineldee.saarland deineFirma.saarland euerVerein.saarland euerHobby.saarland deinBlog.saarland

d) The Registry may reserve additional domain names at any time during or after the Sunrise Period. This applies both to the reservation of domain names for own use and to the reservation of third parties within the limits of a ICANN approved launch plan.

e) Further, due to potential harm to internal networks of third parties, a number of strings can temporarily be excluded from usage by ICANN requirement until such time as any risk of harm can be excluded. You may find this list of names here. The Registry is entitled to release those domain names to general registration. In this case the applicant agrees that he may not use the domain name until ICANN releases the domain name.

3) Premium Names

The Registry has designated a number of domain names as Premium Domain Names which will be made available from time to time at the discretion of the Registry, either at a premium price, at an auction, as part of the Founders Program or in another manner as deemed appropriate by the Registry. The registry is entitled to release such domain names to registration during the Sunrise Period.

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