

.FI – Terms and Conditions

In addition to your registration agreement, the .FI terms and conditions referenced here shall apply. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of your registration agreement and the terms referenced here, these terms shall prevail.

The full terms and conditions are set out at:

<https://domain.fi/info/en/index/tietoa/laitjamaaraykset.html>.

Also, note that it is your responsibility to ensure the domain is lawful, particularly in relation to protected names and trademarks:

* What is a protected name or trademark?

Under the Information Society Code, protected names and trademarks include:

- names or trademarks that have been entered into the trade register or into the registers of trademarks, associations, foundations, or political parties in Finland
 - names of public bodies, unincorporated state enterprises, independent public corporations, public associations, or diplomatic missions of a foreign State or their bodies
 - established names, secondary marks or trademarks referred to in the Business Names Act or Trademarks Act
- EU trademarks entered into the EUIPO trademark register.

* How to check whether a name or trademark is protected?

You can check using the links to public registers of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (business information system [<https://www.ytj.fi/>], register of associations [<http://yhdistysrekisteri.prh.fi/>], register of trademarks [<https://epalvelut.prh.fi/>]) and the EU trademark register of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) [<https://euipo.europa.eu/eSearch/>].

* What does a lawful domain name mean?

At the time of registration, a domain name must not be:

- based on a protected name or trademark owned by another party, unless the domain name holder can present a good, acceptable reason for registering the domain name
- similar to a protected name or trademark owned by another party, if the clear intent of registering the domain name is to benefit from it or to cause damage.

* Permitted characters for a domain name

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- Registrars must advise their customers on characters allowed in a domain name, which are the letters from a to z and the numbers from 0 to 9. In addition, permitted characters include native language characters å, ä and ö as well as characters in the Sami languages spoken in Finland and the hyphen-minus.
 - Customers applying for a domain name or planning to do so must be aware of the technical restrictions related to domain names containing native language characters.
 - In particular, customers may have the need to apply for a domain name containing native language characters and an equivalent domain name without native language characters, for example ääkkönen.fi and aakkonen.fi.
 - Punycode, also called ACE (ASCII Compatible Encoding), enables the use of characters outside the Latin alphabet. The name server system understands a domain name consisting of native language characters, if it is technically defined as an ACE string.
 - For instance, the ACE form of ääkkönen.fi is xn--kknen-fraa=0m.fi.