

# ShortDot Terms and Conditions for Domain Registration

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1. Definitions – The following terms are used in these Terms of Service for domain registration in for all of the ShortDot owned Domain Extensions:

1. Domain Name – it consists of the name and string(s) .icu, .bond or .cyou (example: nic.icu) and represents an unique alphanumeric identifier via a standardized internet protocol for data transmission;
2. Registry – Shortdot SA with address 120 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9ED, United Kingdom, and signatory of the registry agreement with ICANN for the TLD(s) .icu, .bond, .cyou, .cfd and .sbs
3. Registrar – is (i) accredited by ICANN and (ii) has entered into a Registry-Registrar Agreement with the Registry.
4. Registrant – A natural or legal person holding a limited, transferable and renewal exclusive right to use on a specific Domain Name;
5. ICANN – Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
6. IANA – Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
7. Blocked Domain Name – A Domain Name that is not available cannot be registered because it does not meet the general terms and conditions or has been blocked in the sole discretion of the Registry.

2. Registration provisions

1. A Domain Name Registration provides the Registrant with a temporary, conditional, transferable and renewable exclusive license to use the respective Domain Name. The registration of a Domain Name may be withdrawn by the Registrant in the cases and by the order described in these Terms and Conditions including to comply with applicable Dispute Resolution Procedures.
2. Domain Name Registration is not anonymous. When submitting a registration request, Applicants shall indicate all the data required in the application form and declare their completeness, accuracy, and veracity. When establishing that a Registrant has indicated incomplete, inaccurate or unreliable data, the registration of the respective Domain Name may be declined, suspended, deleted or canceled.
3. The Registry performs its activities in a fair and non-discriminatory manner and in accordance with internationally recognized good practices, including:
  1. Ensuring the stability and security of the registry and the internet
  2. acting within the code of conduct in the treatment of registrars
  3. providing access to registrars procedure for requesting and registering Domain Names.
  4. Assistance against illegal and unscrupulous registration and use of Domain Names.

3. Registration of Domain Names

1. Registrants of Domain Names may be by private persons or legal persons.
2. The selected name must meet the following technical requirements:
  1. To be composed only of the letters of the current Latin alphabet (from “a” to “z”), the digits 0 to 9 and / or the “-” sign (minus sign).
  2. The minimum length of the Name is one (1) characters and the maximum is sixty-three (63).
  3. The first and last character must be a letter or a number.
  4. The third and fourth characters cannot be both a dash (minus “-”) sign.
3. The minimum term for Domain Name registration is one (1) year minimum term and Domain Names may be registered for multiple yearly terms up to a maximum of ten (10) years.
4. Requests for Domain Name Registration are processed in the order of their receipt (according to the “first come, first served” principle). Registration of a Domain Name may be denied in such instances:
  1. When the selected Domain Name does not meet the technical requirements set out in paragraph 3.2.
  2. When declaring Domain Names of the types mentioned in paragraph 3.5. and 3.6. without permission from the Registry.
  3. When, at the discretion of the Registry, the selected Domain Name conflicts with the law, good faith or good morals.

5. Domain names that are reserved for official use by the registry are:

1. Such names as mandated by ICANN for technical uses: nic, www, rdds, example, and whois
2. Registry reserves the right to reserve or withhold from registration any Domain Names in its sole discretion.
3. In addition the Registry may register and use up to 100 Domain Names.

6. Certain Domain Names are reserved by the Registry under ICANN requirements of Specification 5 as amended by ICANN and related policy from time to time.

1. This includes: such IGO and INGO identifiers that relate to the IOC, the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement and IGOs, including the new requirements for IGOs, the IOC and the RCRC.
2. The Registry reserves its rights to release such two letter names provided always the registrant must represent that its registration and use of the name will not misrepresent or falsely imply that the registrant or its business is affiliated with a government or country-code manager if such affiliation, sponsorship or affiliation or endorsement does not exist.
3. The Registry further agrees to take such reasonable steps to investigate and respond to any reports from governmental agencies and ccTLD operators of conduct that causes confusion with the corresponding country code in connection with the use of a letter/letter two-character ASCII Domain Names. In responding to such reports the Registry will not be required to take any action in contravention of applicable laws.
4. The registry may release for registration country and territory names provided that the registry has reached an agreement with the applicable government for the release of a particular country or territory name or that the GAC database shows a country or territory that “waives its right to authorize the release of country or territory names|” as linked to from ICANN policy at <https://www.icann.org/resources/country-territory-names>

4. Domain Name Registrations

1. Registrants must perform Domain Name registration and renewals in accordance with ICANN’s policies. Requests are accepted by registrars via the control panel or EPP protocol.

1. The registration of any domain name may be renewed at any time before the expiration of its registration for an additional period of one (1) to ten (10) years, but no more than ten (10) years in the future.

2. Transferring Domain Names

1. A Registrant may change the Registrar of its domain name by submitting a request to transfer the domain name to another Registrar, in accordance with ICANN’s rules and transfer policies.
2. The Registrant may amend or change the contact details of the Domain Name, or transfer to another person, in accordance with ICANN’s policies.

5. Termination of Domain Name Registration

1. Domain names are deleted from the database of the Registry in the following cases:

1. Upon expiration of the registration term.
2. In the event that registered Domain Name does not comply with these Terms and Conditions and the applicable ICANN Policies, or the Registrant has violated the Registry policies. Domain names may also be suspended, deleted or canceled to comply with these Terms and Conditions or to comply with:
3. A decision of UDRP/URS case, a court decision or an out-of-court settlement.
4. A Domain Name cancellation request to the Registrar.
5. A failure to consent to necessary personal data processing required by the Registrar or Registry, but not for withdrawal of consent for other unnecessary purposes such as marketing by Registrar.
6. Data accuracy requirements and in the event that the contact details provided by the registrant are not accurate, or when the registrant fails to update them after a notification from the registry or the registrar.

6. Obligations of the Registrant

1. When submitting a request for registration, change or renewal of a Domain Name registration, the Registrant agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions and accepts or agrees that:

1. The data submitted is accurate, complete and up-to-date, and agrees to notify the Registrar, in a timely fashion of any changes
2. They have not registered, modified or renewed the registration of a domain name for any illegal purposes

3. The registration, modification or renewal of the Domain Name registration will not violate or affect the rights of any third party
  4. The Domain Name will not be used in a way that violates the rights of third parties and/or applicable laws
  5. The Domain Name will not be used in bad faith or for unlawful purposes
  6. They will participate in Dispute Resolution Procedures and to be bound by the decisions made in such proceedings
  7. They will comply with Anti-abuse and Acceptable Use Policies
  8. They will comply with these Terms and Conditions and any applicable ICANN policies, including the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“UDRP”) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension Policy and URS Procedure (“URS”)
  9. They will provide a license to Registry to advertise the Registrant’s registration and use of the domain name including, but not limited to the use of registrant’s logo and linking to registrant’s use for said purpose
2. The Registrant will protect and indemnify the Registry and its officers, shareholders, and stakeholders against any claims and all claims of third parties in connection with a registered Domain Name. The Registry is not responsible for damages to third parties related to the registration and/or use of a registered Domain Name by the Registrant.

#### 7. Anti-Abuse and Acceptable Use Policy

1. All Domains registered in any of ShortDot’s domain extensions names are subject to this Anti-Abuse and Acceptable Use Policy. The Registry may modify this Policy from time to time in its sole discretion.
2. In support of the Registry’s aim of protecting both rights holders and consumers, a ShortDot Domain Name may not be used to:
  1. Sell fake, counterfeit, non-existent, fraudulent or unauthorized goods, services, licenses, or other counterfeit products;
  2. transmit or redirect to misleading information concerning its relationship with a source of goods and services;
  3. breach consumer protection regulations; or
  4. impersonate others.
3. The Registry reserves the right to deny, cancel or transfer any registration or service, or place any Domain Name(s) on registry lock, hold, or other status, as it deems necessary, at its sole discretion and without notice:
  1. to protect the integrity, security, and stability of the domain name system;
  2. to comply with any applicable court orders, laws, requests or rulings from law enforcement agencies, government agencies, or other organizations, or dispute resolution proceedings;
  3. to avoid any liability, civil or criminal, on the part of Registry, as well as its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees or its service providers;
  4. to comply with the Terms and Conditions;
  5. to respond to or protect against any form of malware, which may include but is not limited to, malicious code or software that may affect the operation of the Internet;
  6. to comply with specifications of any industry group or recognized authority on Internet stability (i.e., RFCs);
  7. to correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection with the domain name registration;
  8. for non-compliance with the terms of the Qualified Launch Program or the Community Priority Period (a Limited Registration Period), or,
  9. for non-payment of any fees owed.
4. The following activities are prohibited and constitute registration abuse which may, if identified result in canceling, suspending, transferring and/or deleting of the domain name. The Registrant and/or user of domain names in the TLD agrees to:
  1. Not upload, post, email, publish, transmit or otherwise make available (collectively, “Transmit”) any content that in Registry’s sole discretion is considered, abusive, harassing, tortious, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, libelous, invasive of another’s privacy, hateful, or racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable;
  2. Not impersonate, or attempt to impersonate, any person or entity, or falsely state or otherwise misrepresent your affiliation with a person or entity;
  3. Not harm minors in any way; not abuse children or transmit child abuse material;

4. Not distribute malware; or operate botnets;
  5. Not engage in phishing, piracy, trademark or copyright infringement, fraudulent or deceptive practices, counterfeiting or other activity contrary to applicable law;
  6. Not forge headers or otherwise manipulate identifiers in order to disguise the origin of any content transmitted;
  7. Not transmit any content that the Registrant or user does not have a right to make available under any law or under contractual or fiduciary relationships (such as inside information, proprietary and confidential information learned or disclosed as part of employment relationships or under nondisclosure agreements);
  8. Not transmit any content that infringes any patent, trademark, service mark, trade secret, copyright or other proprietary rights (“Rights”) of any party;
  9. Not transmit any unsolicited or unauthorized advertising including, but not limited to, “junk mail,” “spam,” “chain letters,” “pyramid schemes,” “phishing” or “pharming”
  10. Not transmit any content that contains software viruses or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment;
  11. Not interfere with or disrupt servers or networks, or disobey any requirements, procedures, policies or regulations of networks;
  12. Not relay email, or any form or part of electronic communications, from a third party’s mail servers without the permission of that third party
  13. Not use “robots” or otherwise harvest other’s email addresses for purposes of sending unsolicited or unauthorized material;
  14. Not upload, post, email, or transmit the same message, URL, or text, including linked files, multiple times;
  15. Not intentionally or unintentionally violate any applicable local, state, national or international law, including, any rules of any national or other securities exchange, and any regulations having the force of law;
  16. Not engage, or attempt to engage, in spoofing
  17. Not “stalk” or otherwise harass another, or engage in cyberbullying
  18. Not sell counterfeit or unauthorized goods or commit fraud
  19. Not engage in typo-squatting or cyber-squatting.
  20. Not allow their systems and services to be compromised in such a way as to allow a third party to engage in any of the activities that would be deemed to be in breach of this Policy.
5. All Registrants must comply with all applicable laws including those that relate to privacy, data collection, data protection, consumer protection (including in relation to misleading and deceptive conduct) and applicable consumer laws in respect of fair lending, debt collection, organic farming (if applicable), disclosure of data and financial regulations.
  6. If a Registrant is collecting and maintaining sensitive health and financial data, then they must comply with applicable laws on the provision of such services and include security measures appropriate to that sector.
  7. In the event that a Registrant has registered a domain name that infringes the rights of another, Registry reserves the right in cooperation with the sponsoring Registrar to cancel or transfer such domain name registration, and take further action against the Registrant.
  8. All Domain Names registered in any of ShortDot’s Domain Extensions are subject to ICANN’s policies (as amended from time to time), including the dispute resolution procedures of UDRP, URS and the rights of trademark holders as enforced by courts of law.
  9. These Terms and Conditions do not exhaustively cover all potential abuses of domain names which may result in the suspension, transfer, cancellation or locking of a domain name.
  10. A Registrant may not operate third level registries, or sell, license or lease subdomains unless it has received the express written permission of Registry to do so. For the avoidance of doubt, all Terms and Conditions herein apply in full force to any sub-domains howsoever created. If you wish to enquire about such use please contact the Registry at [sales@nic.icu](mailto:sales@nic.icu)
  11. This Policy does not give rise to any rights of compensation or claims against Registry

12. Victims of counterfeits, misrepresentation or any breaches or infringements of Anti-Abuse and Acceptable Use Policies herein are encouraged to contact Registry with specific complaint(s) at [abuse@nic.icu](mailto:abuse@nic.icu) in order that Registry may investigate the matter. The Registry does not guarantee a reply or that any action will be taken. If Registry, in its sole discretion, finds that any of the Terms and Conditions herein have been breached then Registry may suspend, lock or cancel the Registration without notice.
13. Compliance with all laws. The Registry must take into account all applicable laws, rules, and regulations in the jurisdictions where it operates. As such Registry reserves the right to deny or cancel registrations based upon relevant sanctions, programs or standards administered and/or supported in other jurisdictions.

#### 8. Registrars

1. All Registrars have the same rights and obligations as described in the Registry Accreditation Agreement. These Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference therein.
2. The Registry accepts applications for registration, modification or renewal of a Domain Name only by ICANN accredited Registrars with whom a contract has been concluded. Each Registrar determines independently the registration and renewal retail prices of Domain Names.
3. The Registrar accepts that all disputes shall be submitted to AAA consumer arbitration.
4. The Registrar agrees to provide a privity of contract from its client to Registry upon request.
5. The Registrar shall indemnify the Registry from any claims brought by any Registrant.

#### 9. Protection of personal data

1. With the acceptance of these Terms and Conditions, the Registrant agrees that its data will be disclosed as described in the document. In the event the Registrant is a natural person, then the Registry will only use such information for the purposes to register the Domain Name and comply with its obligations as Registry operator as licensed by ICANN.
2. Personal data is submitted to the Registry by the Registrars.
  1. The Registry shall protect the personal data received by appropriate technical means.
  2. The Registry may retain the data even after expiration of the Domain Name(s) only in so far as to comply with applicable laws.
3. The Registry shall process and disclose the collected personal data to nominated third parties required to provide the services as set out below:
  1. Personal data may be provided to the Registry to provide the services, and to its third party processors, including the Registry Services Provider, and ICANN
  2. Personal data may be made publicly available through the WHOIS service, (unless such disclosure is withdrawn or deemed protected by applicable privacy laws.)
  3. Personal data shall be transmitted to DENIC, the selected escrow service provider. The data will be checked for integrity before submitted to ICANN.
  4. On a case by case basis, the personal details will be released to ICANN for inspection.
  5. Personal data may be released if requested by a decision of a state authority within the framework of its powers.
  6. The personal data may be disclosed to comply with an order by a court, or URS/UDRP panel.

#### 10. Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Registry

1. The duties of the Registry under these General Terms and Conditions are:
  1. To register, manage and maintain Domain Names
  2. Comply with these Terms and Conditions and the obligations of its Registry Agreement with ICANN.
  3. Comply with applicable laws.
2. The Registry has the absolute right to deactivate, suspend or cancel the Domain Names which, by registration or use, threaten national or international computer security or violate the law (including Domain Names that are used in connection with terrorism, propaganda of violence or racial hatred, / or malicious computer code, computer fraud, botnets, malware, etc.).
3. The Registry is not responsible or liable for any:
  1. Lost profits and damages caused by Registrars and Registrants incurred in connection with the registration or use of Domain Name, Registry system or Domain Name Registration.

2. Damage caused by technical problems or Registrar actions that resulted in a Domain Name registration being denied or a registered Domain Name being deleted due to events beyond the reasonable control of the Registry and its third-party service providers.
3. Actions of the registrars.
4. In the event of deletion of a registered Domain Name in violation of these Terms and Conditions, the Registry shall not be liable for any compensation (reimbursement of amounts paid) and shall not be liable for lost profits or damages to the Registrant.
5. In the event of force majeure circumstances including any loss of internet or disruption to the Internet.

4. The Registry and its officers or agents will not be held liable for any damages and loss of profits suffered by Registrars of Domain Names and Registrars arising from an act or omission by the Registry and its employees or agents in performing the functions of the Registry.

5. The Registrant bears full responsibility for third parties for the registration and use of its Domain Name(s).

6. The Registry and the Registrar are not responsible for the accuracy of the data provided by the Registrant.

7. The Registry and the Registrar are not responsible to the Registrant for third party claims relating to uses of the Domain Name.

#### 11. Modifications and Amendments to the Terms and Conditions

1. The Registry reserves the right to modify these Terms and Conditions from time to time. The Registry will post the updated version on the website thirty (30) days before it comes into effect. In case a registrant objects to the updated provisions, its sole remedy will be to cancel the domain registration without any rights refund of any fees.

#### 12. Jurisdiction and Law

1. These Terms and Conditions and all legal relations between the Registry and the Registrars are subject to the laws of Luxembourg and the courts of Luxembourg-city shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes.

2. The official correspondence, notices and documents from the registry shall be in English.

3. All parties agree that the statute of limitations for all claims under this agreement shall be one year.