

Rules and Conditions for GE Domain Names Registration

Terms used

Administrator – GE domain manager, who provides registration and maintenance of the domain names in the GE zone.

Registrant – The person possessing a domain name registered in the GE zone.

Assignment – Assignment of the rights of use of the domain name to the registrant, carried out by the administrator

1. The rules of Domain Name Registration

1.1. The domain name prefixes provided for registration in the GE zone:

- *.ge – for any type of organization;
- *.com.ge (generic) – only for commercial organizations;
- *.edu.ge (generic) – only for educational institutions;
- *.gov.ge (generic) – only for governmental organizations;
- *.org.ge (generic) – only for non-governmental organizations;
- *.mil.ge (generic) - only for state military organizations;
- *.net.ge (generic) - only for network provider or network project organizations;
- *.pvt.ge (generic) - only for private persons.

1.2. The registration and assignment of a domain name can be carried out only provided the existence of minimum two domain name servers (primary and secondary DNS), that will provide support of the domain assigned. Besides, it is recommended at least two of them to be located in the different IP networks (in the different networks of the C class, according to the traditional terminology) and an uninterrupted connection of the servers to the Internet should be ensured. An uninterrupted connection means a connection, which ensures the regime of connection with the total interrupt of maximum two hours per day. The domain name servers can be located both on the territory of Georgia and abroad.

1.3. The domain name servers (primary and secondary DNS) should comply with the requirements provided in the international papers RFC - 1032, 1033, 1034 and 1591.

1.4. The information on the domain name servers must reflect the current state of the network.

1.5. The use of any type of the domain names in the GE zone is permitted only on the territory of Georgia, namely:

- a) the use of services rendered by the Internet provider incorporated and acting on the territory of Georgia, or
- b) through the channel homed on the territory of Georgia and possessed by the registrant.

1.6 It is recommended the second level or generic domain name to reflect the name of the organization or the group of organizations, applying for the domain name registration. In

case the applicant is a natural person, it is recommended the domain name to reflect the last and first name of the applicant.

1.7. The first and the last characters of a domain name should be Latin letters or numeric characters. The intermediate characters might be as letters, so numeric characters and hyphen as well. The domain name should contain:

- a) in case of generic domain name more than one character
- b) in case of a second level domain name, more than two characters.

1.8. Natural persons, which cannot be registrants are the persons, who:

- a) do not reside (are not registered) on the territory of Georgia, or
- b) are not citizens of Georgia.

1.9. A legal person which does not have a representation registered on the territory of Georgia, has the right to register one domain under .ge and .com.ge domains. In such case such foreign legal person must assign its authorities on domain name registration to any legal person registered on the territory of Georgia.

1.10. A domain name and the right of management thereof cannot be a subject of purchase and sale. Granting, renting and etc. of a domain name is prohibited.

1.11. An application shall not be considered in case the domain name required in such application has already been registered for another person.

1.12. An application on domain name registration may be denied:

- a) if it contains unquotable or any other non-normative vocabulary
- b) if the application does not comply with the requirements, concerning drawing up an application form, provided at <http://www.nic.net.ge>.

1.13. In case of failure to carry out the articles 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 of the present regulation within the period exceeding one month term, the administrator has the right to suspend the domain name assignment until the elimination of discrepancies of the supporting servers, and moreover to subsequently cancel registration of such a domain name. Besides, the applicant shall not be refunded with fees paid for the domain name registration or prolongation of the registration term, and the starting date of the accounting period shall not be altered.

1.14. The registrant is ought to present accurate and true information in the application form. In case of any alterations occurring in connection to the information provided in the application form, the registrant should introduce the proper amendments into the registration information. In case the registration information does not reflect the actual state of affairs, the administrator has the right to suspend the domain name assignment, and moreover to subsequently cancel registration of such a domain name. In such case the applicant shall not be refunded with fees paid for the domain name registration or prolongation of the registration term, and the starting date of the accounting period shall not be altered.

1.15. In case the confirmation of the registration information is needed, the applicant is obliged to present, on administrator's demand, the documents certifying the accuracy of the information registered in the database. The documents should be presented within one-month term from the moment of sending the respective advice by the administrator.

1.16. All the contact persons indicated in the domain name registration form should be available via e-mail. In case of unavailability of a contact person(s) via e-mail, the administrator shall not bear any responsibility for non-receipt of the information by such person(s).

1.17. In case of violation of the articles 1.4 and 1.9 thereof, the administrator has the right to immediately suspend the domain name assignment, and cancel registration of such a domain name.

1.18. The administrator has the right to suspend the domain name assignment:

- a) on the basis of the registrant's official notice
- b) on the basis of the court decision
- c) on demand of the international network consortium ICANN/IANA or of any organization stated by ICANN/IANA.

2. The Rules of Prolongation of the Registration Term

2.1. At the end of each accounting period (12 months) the prolongation of a domain name registration is required. The prolongation of the registration requires ascertaining the domain name data and examination of the DNS servers. The named procedure provides for prolongation of the domain name assignment for the term till the subsequent accounting period.

2.2. The fees for the prolongation of registration are payable in accordance with the price-list provided in the attachment to the present regulation.

3. Domain name Transfer

3.1. A domain name transfer is permitted

- a) to the heir apparent of the registrant
- b) on the basis of the court decision
- c) on demand of the international network consortium ICANN/IANA or of any organization stated by ICANN/IANA.

3.2. In the cases specified in the article 3.1 transfer of a domain name is carried upon presentation of the official documents required, and without any extra charges.

3.3. In case the registrant requires his/her domain name to be transferred to any specific third person, such a transfer shall be carried out upon payment of GEL 4000 (VAT included) by the registrant. Those funds shall be fully used for charitable non-commercial activities aimed towards Internet development on the territory of Georgia.

4. Procedure of Registering Domain Names Existent

4.1. Persons interested in registering the domain names already existent shall have an opportunity to submit an application on registering in the waiting list. A person on the waiting

list, provided the proper execution of the payment of fees chargeable for this service (see. the attachment hereto), shall immediately be notified via e-mail concerning vacation of the domain name requested.

4.2. In case of the vacation of a domain name, it shall be assigned to the first person on the registration waiting list, provided he/she confirms the request within 3 business days from the moment of such vacation.

4.3. In case the person on the waiting list fails to confirm the request within 3 days from the moment of sending the relevant e-mail notification, non-receipt of such confirmation shall be regarded as the neglect of the notification, which shall result in abandonment of such person from the waiting list.

4.4. In case of existence of the registration waiting list, the assignment of a vacated domain name shall be executed after 3 business days after the vacating such domain name according to the present regulation.

4.5. Upon the payment of the fees chargeable for the service, a person registered on the waiting list receives the full list of the persons on such waiting list.

5. Application Processing Rules

5.1. Domain name registration is carried out on the basis of the application. The application form is available at the web address: <http://www.nic.net.ge>

5.2. The filled in application should be sent to the administrator's address. The notification confirming the acceptance of the application for further consideration shall be handed over to the registrant within two business days from the moment of receiving the application.

5.3. The decision in connection to the application on domain name registration shall be made within 7 business days from the moment of receiving properly filled in application.

5.3. In case administrator receives more than one application on registration of the same domain name, the decision on such domain name registration shall be made in accordance with the sequence of receipt of such applications.

6. Service Fees and Rules of Payment

6.1. The domain name registration and support fees are calculated on the basis of the table presented in the attachment hereto.

6.2. The fees for a domain name assignment in favor of a third person or prolongation of the registration are payable within 7 days from the beginning of the accounting period on the basis of the bill drawn.

6.3 The fees charged according to the bill are liable to payment within 30 calendar days.

6.4 In case of failure to execute the bill payment within the 30 calendar days, the administrator has the right to suspend the domain name assignment, and after 15 calendar days from the moment of such suspension, the administrator has the right to cancel the registration.

7. Responsibilities of the Parties

7.1. The GE domain administrator carries out a domain name registration and support in full compliance with the present regulation.

7.2. The present regulation is available at the following address: <http://www.nic.net.ge>. Any amendments and alterations to the present regulation shall enter into force after 30 days from the moment of publication thereof.

7.3 When registering a domain name the administrator does not bear any responsibility for the possible violation of the copyright, trade name and of other such rights by the registrant.

7.4. The administrator does not execute checking of and bears no responsibility for:

- The completeness and accuracy of the information presented in connection to a domain name registration or prolongation of the registration
- Damage or violation of the rights of a third person, arising out of or connected to a domain name registration
- The use of a domain name in defiance of the law on registration, or with illicit purposes.

7.5. The administrator shall not act as an arbiter in connection to the debates between the registrant and a third person arising out of or connected to the issues of the registration or the use of a domain name.

7.6. The registrant is obliged to hold the administrator and the administrator's personnel harmless against and prevent from any damages and losses, including legal and other charges, occurring in result of and in connection to a domain name registration, cancellation or suspension of the registration.

7.7. The administrator's financial responsibility shall not go beyond the amount paid by the registrant for a domain name registration. In no event the administrator will bear any responsibility for the loss of the registration and/or for the use of the registrant's domain name, and/or delay in operations, and/or any incidental, consequential or special damages, and/or losses, including any lost profits suffered by the registrant, irrespectively of the forms and conditions of rising of the above listed damages and/or losses.

7.8. The administrator shall decline all responsibility and shall warn the registrant of the possibility the domain name assigned to such registrant to become a subject of litigation in the cases (and not only therein) listed below:

a) in case a domain name is identical or confusingly similar to a trademark or service mark in which the complainant has rights; and

b) in case the registrant has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the domain name;
and

c) in case a domain name has been registered and is being used in bad faith;

d) under the circumstances, which clearly evidence of the fact that the registrant has registered or purchased a domain name primarily for the purpose of selling, renting, or otherwise transferring the domain name registration to the complainant who is the owner of the trademark or service mark or to a competitor of that complainant, for valuable consideration in excess of his/her documented out-of-pocket costs directly related to the domain name; or

e) in case the registrant has registered the domain name in order to prevent the owner of the trademark or service mark from reflecting the mark in a corresponding domain name, provided that the registrant has engaged in a pattern of such conduct; or

f) in case the registrant has registered the domain name primarily for the purpose of disrupting the business of a competitor; or

g) in case, by using the domain name, the registrant has intentionally attempted to attract, for commercial gain, Internet users to his/her web site or other on-line location, by creating a likelihood of confusion with the complainant's mark as to the source, sponsorship, affiliation, or endorsement of his/her web site or location or with the view of advertisement of a product or service on his/her web site or location.

Attachment

1. The fees payable for services rendered in connection to the registration of generic domain names:

Number of domain names registered for a single registrant	Fees payable for registration or prolongation of the registration of one domain name per year*
1	Free of charge
2-5	10.00
6-10	30.00
11-15	60.00
16-20	100.00
21-25	150.00

2. The fees payable for services rendered in connection to the registration of the second-level domain names:

Number of domain names registered for a single registrant	Fees payable for registration or prolongation of the registration of one domain name per year*
1-5	30.00
6-10	60.00
11-15	110.00
16-20	180.00
21-25	270.00

3. The fees payable for the services rendered in connection to the registration wait list shall be calculated on the basis of the schedule given below:

One domain name per year	
	2.00

* *The prices are given in GEL, VAT included. In case of GEL exchange rate variations, the administrator has the right to introduce changes to the prices presented herein.*

4. Any payments should be executed to the following bank account:

Association "Internet Development Group – Georgia"
JSC Bank "TBC-Bank", account N. 3700057

It is necessary to specify the No of the bill drawn and the domain name, in connection to which the payment is executed

5. The amounts received from the registration shall be used for the support of domain names, further development and perfection of domain names registration system and principles and for charitable, non-commercial activities aimed towards Internet development on the territory of Georgia. From the view of ensuring the transparency of operations carried out by the administrator, the full list of the amounts received from registration and the amounts spent shall be made public at the web address <http://www.idg-georgia.org.ge>.