



National Communication Authority (NCA)

ssNIC Registry Sunrise Registration Policy

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1. Duration:

The Registry will run the registration process according to the below timetable:

Sunrise Period: **45 Days** (1st August – 15th September 2024)

Landrush Period: **30 Days** (20th September – 10th October 2024)

Early Access Period: **10 Days** (15th October – 25th October 2024)

General Availability: **1st November 2024**

2. Terms of Registration

The terms of registration during Sunrise Period shall be two (2) years minimum and five (5) years maximum. After Sunrise period, the term of registration for Landrush, EAP, and General Availability shall be one (1) year minimum and ten (5) years maximum.

3. Sunrise Submission Process

All registration should be submitted by an applicant via the Registry's accredited registrars and validated solely by The Registry. Trademark holders will need to submit supporting documents proving their ownership of the claimed trademark name.

The Supporting documents could be in the form of:

1. Certificate of Registration of the company or organisation.
2. For an international corporation, Embassies, Universities, international NGOs, and

International companies. Kindly send in a request letter on a headed paper signed by the management of the organisation.

All applications under Sunrise Period are reviewed and verified on a regular basis as they are received in the registry but only allocated to an Applicant at the end of the Sunrise period (15th September 2024)

4. Authentication During the Sunrise Period

All applications will be validated by verifying the supporting document submitted by an applicant through an accredited registrar.

Label requirements

The Registry will not accept a Sunrise Application unless the applied-for Domain Name meets the applicable requirements as defined in RFC 1035 and RFC 1123, including the following technical and syntax requirements.

The Domain Name Label must:

- consist exclusively of the letters A-Z (case insensitive), the numbers 0-9,
- not exceed 63 characters;
- contains at least a Minimum of three (3) characters.
- Not contain hyphens.

SLD Blocked Domains:

Applications will not be accepted for domain names appearing on the Second Level Domain (SLD) block list.

The Registry may, but is not obligated, to reject a Sunrise Application or to delete, revoke, cancel, suspend or transfer a Sunrise Registration:

- To enforce Registry policies and ICANN Requirements, each as amended from time to time;
- That is not accompanied by complete and accurate information, or where required, information is not updated or corrected, as required by ICANN Requirements or The Registry's policies;
- To protect the integrity and stability of the operation or management of the Registry;

- To comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies or any holding, order, or court by a competent court or administrative authority, or any dispute resolution service provider the Registry may retain to oversee the arbitration and mediation of disputes;
- To establish, assert, or defend the legal rights of the Registry or a third party, or to avoid any actual or potential civil or criminal liability on the part of or damage to the Registry or its affiliates, subsidiaries, contracted parties, officers, directors, representatives, employees, contractors, and stockholders;
- To correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection with a Sunrise Registration;
- If the Registry receives notice that the supporting documents are forged for a claimed domain name are forged or under dispute; or
- As otherwise provided in the Registrar terms and conditions or Registry-Registrar agreement and other Registry governing policies.

5. Auction

When two trademark owners both have legitimate claims to a given name during sunrise application period, these domains go to auction. The Applicant will be redirected to the Auction platform where the auction process will be governed by the Auction Providers. Any auction fees or final bid price shall be concluded via the Auction Platform. The Auction provider will inform The Registry to begin the allocation process once the payment and auction process is complete. Registry will allocate the domain name to the successful Applicant/bidder.

6. Landrush Submission Process

All registration must be submitted via The Registry accredited registrars. All applications under the Landrush Period will be on a first come first served basis.

7. Early Access Period

This period is reserved for those who wish to access domain names that are not in the premium domains list yet registered in the registry. This period will run for 10 days before the General Availability period and will allow registrants to order for domain names to be registered right when the launch starts. The registrant will incur an additional 1-time cost to reserve a domain name to be registered right after the general availability commences.

8. Reserved Names

The Registry, at its discretion, may reserve certain names from registration for purposes including but not limited to compliance with the ICANN requirements, names held for usage in the operation of the registry, names of National significance and names designated as premium names. The list of reserved names is subject to revision at the Registry's discretion.