

.eu pricing and registration information for Public Bodies

General Entitlement

A Government Department or Public Body in any EU member state may apply for .eu domain names during either of the two Sunrise periods (commencing 7th December 2005). Applications may be queued with accredited registrars prior to and during this four month period, affording such bodies an early chance to protect their names before open and unrestricted registration. Bodies may apply for their full name, a commonly used acronym, and where appropriate, the name of the territory which they govern.

Public Body Definitions

Public bodies registering .eu domain names during the sunrise period will be required to prove their public body status and state the statutory basis under which this is claimed. For the purpose of .eu registration, public bodies may include the following ...

- Institution/body of the European Union
- National government or governmental body
- Local government or governmental body
- Public authority governed by public law
- Organization/body governed by public law
- International organization
- Intergovernmental organization
- Other public body (with statutory basis)

Public Body Validation & Supporting Documentation

Public Body applications for .eu domains will be validated by a Government Validation Point (GVP) in each member state. In Ireland, this is ComReg (www.comreg.ie) and they will verify all Public Body Sunrise requests once the application and supporting documentation has been received and processed by the .eu registry (EURid). The supporting documentation must include the form provided by ComReg for this purpose (downloadable from www.comreg.ie).

Supporting documentation is not required at time of application, however it must be received by the registry processing agents within 40 days of the acknowledgement of the application by EURid. **Documents should not be sent to Irish Domains or to ComReg.** The confirmation email will contain a link to download a cover page to accompany the documentation. This will contain the address to send the documents to. Please note that the registrant (and/or their agent) is solely responsible for ensuring that correct and appropriate supporting documentation is received by the processing agents.

Pricing Information

The cost of submitting each .eu Sunrise application by a public body is €99 + VAT. This fee includes all registry processing fees and also includes the registration of the domain for 1 year if successful. This fee must accompany the application unless otherwise arranged. The application fee is not refundable once the application is received by EURid irrespective of whether or not the application succeeds, however if you fail to register your domain a credit will be applied allowing you to register another .eu name during open registration. Please note also that there is no guarantee that any particular Sunrise application will be successful due to the possibility of competing applications, rejection by validation agents or dispute resolution procedures initiated by third parties.

Applications

Send payment and completed applications to: **Irish Domains Ltd, Waverley Office Park, Old Naas Road, Dublin 12, Ireland** or fax to **+353 1 4190639**. Please copy the form for multiple applications, if faxing attach credit-card details or a photocopy of the cheque.

Frequently asked questions about .eu

Who can register a .eu Domain name?

Dot EU domain names can only be registered by:

- 1) Undertakings having their registered office, central administration or principal place of business within the European Community
- 2) Organizations established within the European Community without prejudice to the application of national law
- 3) Natural persons resident within the European Community.

What .eu names can be registered?

In general, registrations will be unrestricted, that is, you will be able to register any valid domain name that is available. However during the phased startup of .eu (the "Sunrise Periods"), registration is restricted to those names for which the registrant can demonstrate prior rights (see below). A very small number of names will also be reserved by the .eu registry for its own use, and some geographical indications are reserved for registration by national governments. Two character domains will be permitted unless they conflict with reserved two-letter country codes.

How can I register a .eu domain name?

.eu domain names may be registered only through .eu accredited registrars such as Irish Domains (www.irishdomains.com). Look out for the **.eu registrar** logo on websites or correspondence, or check on the .eu registry website.

When can I register my .eu domain name?

Phased registration of .eu domain names commences on 7th December 2005. This known as the **Sunrise I** period lasting two months where domain names may only be registered by National Governments, Public Bodies and Community or National Trademark Holders or Licensees.

A further two month **Sunrise II** period starts on 7th February 2006 where domain names may only be registered by Sunrise I categories plus others with "prior rights" protected by law – typically company names, business identifiers, trade names, protected literary & artistic works, unregistered trademarks and some other rights protected by national law.

Following the Sunrise periods there is the **Landrush** on 7th April 2006 where all other queued applications will be submitted, after this, registration will be open and unrestricted. Registration is activity expected to be brisk on the three dates above.

Can I secure my .eu domain name now?

Accredited registrars such as Irish Domains are allowed to take pre-registrations which are queued and presented to the registry at the start of the appropriate period. Although pre-registration is a good idea to ensure that you get your application in as soon as possible, it is possible that other registrars may have queued applications for identical domain names.

Is my Sunrise application guaranteed to succeed?

No. On the critical dates above, many registrars will be submitting large volumes of applications so there is no guarantee that yours will be received before any other competing application. Also, you will have to submit carefully prepared supporting documentation and it is possible (although costly) for other unsuccessful applicants to challenge your registration. That said, the earliest submitted properly formatted sunrise applications have the best chance of succeeding.