

Policies

The registry has formulated new policies for the registration and administration of .IN domain names. The goal is to make .IN domain names easier to use, and a way of making the Internet available to more Indian citizens. These policies generally take effect January 1, 2005. *General policies are listed below.*

PRICES

Registrars are free to set whatever retail prices they wish. Please see the site of each [accredited registrar](#).

AVAILABLE NAMES

Unlimited registrations are available in the following zones. Registration is available freely to all parties worldwide, and there are no nexus or other qualifications:

- .in
- co.in
- net.in
- org.in
- firm.in
- gen.in (general)
- ind.in (individuals)

The following zones are reserved for use by qualified organizations in India.

- ac.in (Academic)
- res.in (Indian research institutes)
- gov.in (Indian government)
- mil.in (Indian military)

GENERAL REGISTRATION POLICIES

- **Term:** domain names may be registered for a minimum of one (1) year, and a maximum of five (5) years.
- **Autorenewal:** Domains automatically renew at the end of their term (the expiration date). Please contact your registrar for details.
- **Domain length:** .IN domain names may be between 3 and 63 characters in length.
- **Allowable characters:** Only letters, digits, and hyphens will be accepted in a domain name. Names cannot begin or end with hyphens.
- **Contact information:** Registrants must provide true, accurate contact information. The following contact types are required: Registrant, Administrative, Technical, Billing. As per standing policy, the contact data will displayed in the .IN WHOIS, except for the Billing contact data, which is not displayed.
- **Transfers:** For names in the unrestricted zones mentioned above, registrants are allowed to transfer their domains to the registrar of their choice. Registrants should contact their registrar of choice to learn about transfer procedures. Registrar-to-registrar transfers are not allowed in the 60 days following the creation of a domain name. A registrar-to-registrar transfer adds one year to the term of the domain name, charged to the gaining registrar. Registrars may therefore charge theregistrant for the domain year.
- **Grace periods:** certain grace periods exist to allow for the cancellation of transactions by registrars within certain time periods. Please contact your registrar for details.
- **Nameservers:** to register a .IN domain, the registrant does not need to provide nameservers. In order to appear in the zone file and resolve on the Internet, at least one (1) valid nameserver must be associated with the domain name. The use of at least two valid nameservers is highly recommended.
- **Internationalized domain names (IDNs):** The registry plans to accept IDN registrations in

the future, including IDN registrations in Hindi, Tamil, and other Indian languages. Until further announcements, no applications for domain names in internationalized script (including diacritical marks) shall be accepted. Domains with hyphens in the third and fourth positions will be rejected.

- The registry has the authority to deny or suspend a registration if it conflicts with the sovereign national interest or public order.
- The Registry Operator reserves the right to adjust the allocated bandwidth and connections allotted to the registrars.

RESERVED NAMES

The government has reserved [a list of names](#) for government and registry use.