

## New gTLD Update Webinar – 09 May 2013 Additional Questions & Answers

We receive a host of questions during webinars that go unanswered due to time restraints. Because all participant questions are important, we've provided responses to these additional questions below.

### Auction

**Q: When will details about the ICANN auction process be released?**

A: The ICANN auction process is still being developed. The details will be published as soon as they are available.

**Q: How early could contending applications, with no CPE, enter into ICANN auction?**

A: As previously communicated, auctions will not be available until ICANN is operationally ready. At this time, the string contention resolution procedures, including CPE and auction are being developed. The details and timelines will be published as soon as they become available.

### Evaluation

**Q: What is CPE?**

A: CPE stands for Community Priority Evaluation. It is an option available to applicants with community applications that are in a contention set. If the community application passes CPE, it will have priority in the contention set. More information on CPE is available in section 4.2 of the [Applicant Guidebook](#).

**Q: What is EE?**

A: EE stands for Extended Evaluation. It is a process available to applicants that do not pass Financial/Technical/Geographic Names/Registry Services reviews during Initial Evaluation.

## GAC Advice

**Q: Will applicants with applications affected by GAC Advice be required to submit a reply in order to move forward?**

A: Applicants have the option to provide a response to GAC Advice, but are not required to do so. The window to respond to GAC Advice has now closed. All of the GAC Advice responses may be viewed at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/gac-advice-responses>.

**Q: Will ICANN publish applicant responses to GAC Advice?**

A: ICANN will publish applicant responses along with providing them to the Board of Directors. This decision was first publicized in the [GAC Advice announcement](#) on 18 April. All of the GAC Advice responses may be viewed at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/gac-advice-responses>.

## Pre-Delegation Testing

**Q: If an applicant reaches agreement with ICANN on terms outside of the base Registry Agreement, will Pre-Delegation Testing reflect the alternate arrangement?**

A: Thus far, ICANN has not considered the possibility of diverging requirements for registries on the five critical registry functions that are required in Specification 10 of the Registry Agreement. If ICANN approves any changes to or deviations from the base Registry Agreement, then ICANN could also consider whether it would be appropriate to modify Pre-Delegation Testing to reflect those changes.

## Trademark Clearinghouse

**Q: Will registries operating closed TLDs be required to connect to the Trademark Clearinghouse and pay the associated fees?**

A: The sunrise and claims services are minimum Rights Protection Mechanisms required of all new gTLD registries. All TLDs are required to connect to the Trademark Clearinghouse, and all fees associated with the Trademark Clearinghouse apply to all applicants.

## Other

**Q: If a registry operates more than one TLD, would it be permissible to display ICANN-required functionality and content (WHOIS/DNSSEC info, etc.) for each TLD on a unique webpage under a single domain? Or must a registry operate a dedicated website for each TLD?**

A: Specification 4 of the Registry Agreement requires registries to setup `whois.nic.<tld>` for web whois and port-43 whois. This implies that registries provide their primary website to ICANN for publication on ICANN's website.