Extended Evaluation Process Overview

Extended Evaluation is available for those applications that did not provide sufficient information in Initial Evaluation to pass financial, technical, registry services, or geographic names review.

Extended Evaluation Election

The applicant will be notified when Extended Evaluation election may be made. The notification will provide a deadline for election, which will be no less than 15 calendar days.

To inform the election decision, ICANN will offer to have a discussion with you regarding outstanding issues on your application and options available to you under the Program.

Election may be made via the CSC Portal.

Application Evaluation and Clarification Question

Once the applicant elects Extended Evaluation, the evaluator will perform a review on the application and write Clarifying Questions. Clarifying Questions will be issued to the applicant via the CSC Portal. It could take up to three (3) weeks from the time of election for Clarifying Questions to be issued.

Applicants will have six (6) weeks to respond to Clarifying Questions. If applicants have questions regarding the Clarifying Questions, they may contact the CSC via the CSC Portal and ask for clarification.

Once responses to the Clarifying Questions are provided via the CSC Portal, ICANN will forward the responses to the evaluators. The evaluators may take up to three (3) weeks to evaluate the responses.

Extended Evaluation Results Posting

Once ICANN receives recommendations from the evaluators, we will process and post them on the New gTLD Microsite within two (2) weeks of receipt.