

New gTLD Applicant Update Webinar – 21 February 2014 Additional Questions & Answers

We receive questions during webinars that go unanswered due to time constraints. Because all participant questions are important, we've provided responses to these additional questions below. Questions are grouped and ordered alphabetically by subject.

Approved Launch Programs

Q: What is the status of Approved Launch Programs submitted by registry operators?

ICANN has reached out to those requestors whose programs might potentially be covered by the Qualified Launch Program to advise them of the posting of the [draft for comment](#). ICANN has also advised that it will not make a formal determination on these requests until the comment period and the review of feedback received have been completed. For any other Approved Launch Program applications, these are under consideration according to the published criteria.

Change Requests

Q: Thus far, have any change requests resulted in ICANN deciding to evaluate an application during a subsequent application round?

A: As communicated during the webinar, some change requests have been denied by ICANN. If a change request is denied, the applicant is notified and no changes are made to the application. To date, no denials have resulted in ICANN referring the application to a subsequent application round.

Qualified Launch Program

Q: The draft Qualified Launch Program published for public comment is highly similar to programs submitted by some registry operators. Is this intentional?

A: The addendum was drafted with the intention to create a path that would cover requested areas in many proposals (e.g., a mechanism for allocating names for promotional activities prior to Sunrise, and a mechanism for allocating names to public authorities). If the Qualified Launch Program is adopted, this could reduce the need for submission of requests for registry-specific programs to ICANN.

Registry-Registrar Agreement

Q: Regarding material changes to the RRA, would changes due to the new GAC advice PICs be considered “material?” If so, will ICANN approve those within 15 days as required by the ICANN Board?

A: Yes, these would be considered material changes. ICANN would approve these changes assuming they are consistent with the requirements imposed by the GAC advice.

Q: How can registry operators send notices to ICANN via email, as required by section 7.9 of the registry agreement, when an email address was not specified there?

A: We have established an email address for notices under the registry agreement: registrylegalnotices@icann.org.

Other (Miscellaneous)

Q: Would it be possible to share the pre-submitted questions as part of the presentation. It will make it easier for us to follow.

A: ICANN will consider this request for future webinars.

Q: Do you know when the next meeting of the NGPC is? There is currently no information about this on ICANN.org.

A: The next meeting is scheduled for 5 March 2014. The [Board Meetings section](#) of the ICANN website is the definitive resource for finding out when NGPC meetings have been scheduled. You can find meeting agendas there, as well.