

ANNEX .COOP - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE .COOP TLD

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In addition to Gandi's [General Terms and Conditions](#) for domain name registration, the registration and use of a .COOP domain name implies the acceptance of and compliance to the present special conditions contained herein.

All legal information and contracts can be viewed at any time via Our [website](#). Capitalized terms have the definition attributed to them in Our [General Terms and Conditions](#) of domain name registration. Specifically, "You" refers to the owner of the domain name, and "We" designates Gandi.

Section .COOP.1. Naming organization

.COOP is generic Top-Level-Domain (gTLD) dedicated to cooperatives.

The various parties involved are the following:

- Trustee Authority:
ICANN: <http://www.icann.org>
- Registry:
DotCooperation LLC: <http://www.nic.coop>
- Registry technical operator:
CentralNic: <https://centralnicregistry.com>
- Registrar:
Gandi: <http://gandi.net>

You can view the information and special rules of each party involved by clicking on the respective links.

Section .COOP.2. Registration policies

When You apply to register a .COOP domain name, You acknowledge that You have fully understood and You have full knowledge of, and You agree to abide by all the rules and specific conditions of .COOP domain names, as defined by ICANN, and DotCooperation LLC, and which may be viewed at the following pages:

- Registration agreement:
<https://identity.coop/agreements>
- Registry policies:
<https://identity.coop/policies>
- ICANN policies:
<http://www.icann.org/en/general/consensus-policies.htm>

These policies, that You acknowledge to have fully understood and to have accepted via Our website bind You to the .COOP Registry. The present special conditions do not replace these rules, which are incorporated by reference, and are binding on Gandi and You.

The contract between ICANN and the .COOP Registry is available at the following address:
<http://www.icann.org/en/about/agreements/registries/coop>

Section .COOP.3. Special requirements

.COOP special requirements are available at:
<http://www.gandi.net/domain/coop/info>

Eligibility requirements

.COOP domain names are reserved to cooperatives.

A co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

Eligible organizations are:

- Democratically controlled member-owned cooperatives, consistent with the International 7 Cooperative Principles,
- Associations comprised of cooperatives,
- Organizations that are majority controlled by a cooperative,

- Entities whose operations are principally dedicated to serving cooperatives.

During the registration of Your domain name You self-certify that You comply with .COOP eligibility conditions.

You may also present evidence, directly to the .COOP Registry, that Your use of a .COOP domain name would advance the interests of cooperatives or assist in the development of cooperatives worldwide. The Registry will check Your request and will may authorize You to register a .COOP domain name.

Cooperatives that are not fully formed are eligible to the .COOP domain name registration. However, the Registry reserves the right to review the eligibility after an appropriate time (generally within six months of registration) and delete the .COOP domain name without penalty or refund if the organization is not eligible.

For any additional information about eligibility requirements, You can contact the Registry: support@nic.coop.

In any case, You must provide and maintain accurate, reliable and up-to-date personal contact information, failing this, the .COOP Registry may suspend and/or delete Your domain name.

Eligibility verification

The .COOP Registry carries out eligibility verification:
<https://identity.coop/policies> (Verification Policy)

The Registry may, at any time, verify You comply with eligibility conditions, and request You provide any supporting documents.

If the Registry considers that You are not eligible for .COOP domain name registration, You can appeal its decision within 30 days and provide any document that proves Your eligibility. If You are not able to prove Your eligibility within this deadline, Your domain name will be deleted without any refund and You will no longer be able to register .COOP domain names.

You can also contact the Registry (support@nic.coop) before proceed to the registration of a .COOP domain name in order to confirm Your eligibility. Then, after the registration of Your domain name, You will just have to forward to the Registry the reference of the previous confirmation by the Registry as proof.

In addition, if during the registration period of Your domain name, You are no longer eligible, the Registry will delete Your domain name without any refund.

Section .COOP.4. Registration term

The registration term is from 1 to 10 years. To avoid any deactivation of the domain name, the renewal must be paid and funds cleared before the Expiration date.

Section .COOP.5. Pricing

Our prices can be viewed at:
<http://www.gandi.net/domain/price/detail/coop>

Premium domain names are subject to specific prices as published on Our website during Your order.

Section .COOP.6. Personal data

You consent to the use, copying, distribution, publication, in particular in the Registry public [Whois](#) database if applicable, modification and other processing of Your personal data by the Registry, its technical provider and their designees and agents for the purposes of providing Registry services as defined in the Registry agreement with ICANN and in accordance with the Registry privacy policy.

Section .COOP.7. Dispute resolution policy

The .COOP Registry has adopted several Alternative Dispute Resolution Policies:

<https://identity.coop/policies> (Dispute policy)

The .COOP Registry has adopted ICANN's Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) for .COOP domain names, that You agree fully abide by. You may view general documentation on the UDRP procedure at the following addresses:

- ICANN domain name dispute resolution policies: <http://www.icann.org/udrp/>
- explanations: <http://www.icann.org/en/udrp/udrp.htm>
- Policy: <http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/policy.htm>
- Rules: <http://www.icann.org/dndr/udrp/uniform-rules.htm>
- Dispute Resolution Service Providers: <http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/approved-providers.htm>

In addition, ICANN has implemented additional special rules to resolving disputes pertaining to the infringement of .COOP special registration conditions, the "CEDRP" (Charter Eligibility Dispute Resolution Policy). The .COOP Registry has adopted these rules for .COOP domain names (« DCDRP » DotCoop Dispute Resolution Policy), that You agree fully abide by:

- Charter Eligibility Dispute Resolution Policy: <http://www.icann.org/udrp/cedrp-policy.html>
- Rules applicable to .COOP: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rules-fd-2012-02-25-en#coop>
- Dispute Resolution Service Providers: <http://www.icann.org/udrp/cedrp-providers.html>

The Registry has also adopted the ICANN Uniform Rapid Suspension System (URS), that You agree fully abide by:

<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs>

Section .COOP.8. Transfer (change of Registrar)

The process is started on Our interface. Before requesting the transfer of the domain name, please be sure that:

- You have the domain name's authorization code (supplied by Your current Registrar),
- Your domain name does not have a TransferProhibited status;
- Your domain name does not expire soon (We recommend that you start the transfer request at least one month prior to its Expiration);
- Your domain name was created and/or transferred at least 60 days prior to the request.

The transfer's completion requires Your confirmation (by e-mail).

Upon successfully transferring a domain name, the registration period is extended by one year.

Section .COOP.9. Ownership change

The ownership change process is available on Our interface and requires the confirmation of both parties by e-mail.

If the new owner has not been previously verified, after the owner change the new owner will have to complete the verification procedure as described above.

The owner change of a domain name does not change the domain name's Expiration date.

Section .COOP.10. Deletion process

Upon the Expiration of the domain name, We suspend (Hold) the domain name for 45 days, during which time all associated technical services are deactivated. Late renewal at normal price is possible during this period.

Then the domain name goes into Redemption Period for an additional 30 days. It can only be restored during this period in accordance with the terms and conditions described on Our website and/or as communicated by Our customer service department.

If the domain name is neither renewed nor restored within these deadlines, the Registry shall place the domain name on "Pending Delete" status for several days, and then delete the domain name, which will become available for registration on a "first-come first-served" basis.

Annex: [Registration agreement of the Registry DotCooperation LLC](#)

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