

Domain Name Registration Policy for “.MV” Domains

This document is the governing document which sets the policies and general guidelines for registration of .MV domains names. .MV domain names must be registered with Registrars (.MV Registrars) appointed by the Communications Authority of Maldives (CAM) to offer Domain Name Registration Services.

1. Domain Name Registration

- 1.1 Applications for registration of Domain Names shall be made to the Registrar in the manner prescribed by the Registrar.
- 1.2 Domain Names accepted for application shall belong to the following categories of Domain Names.

Top-Level Domain Names	Second-Level Domain Names
<requested name>.MV	<requested name>.GOV.MV <requested name>.COM.MV <requested name>.EDU.MV <requested name>.ORG.MV <requested name>.NET.MV <requested name>.AERO.MV

- 1.3 Additional Second-Level Domain Names may be included as and when deemed necessary.
- 1.4 The requested name must contain a minimum of 3 characters comprising of letters from “a” to “z” or numerical digits 0 – 9. One hyphen character may be used provided it is not the beginning or the ending character of the requested name. There will be no distinction between upper case letters and lower case letters and therefore one can be used in the place of the other.
- 1.5 A name that corresponds or matches with a trademark or business name already registered in the Maldives shall only be registered to the trademark or business holder. However, such or a related domain may be issued to another applicant if an authorized written document of no objection duly signed by the trademark or business holder is submitted.
- 1.6 The following types of names shall not be accepted for registration.
 - a. A name that includes phrases, abbreviations or acronyms that may be considered obscene, indecent or contrary to morality or contradictory with Maldivian Law.
 - b. A name that can be considered defamatory or hateful towards Islam or Islamic principles.
 - c. A name whose usage in any way represents or is generally understood as conveying hate or derogatory material against religion, person or any sovereign entity and the government of Maldives.

- d. A name which represents a name of a country. However the name “Maldives” may be allowed to be registered as a Domain Name at any level with approval from the Government of Maldives.
 - e. A name which could potentially be used as a future Second Level Domain Name.
- 1.7 A name that could be considered to represent an industry or activity relating to the country as a whole shall be registered as a Top-Level Domain Name only on request by the related Government agency.
- 1.8 Any name of phrase suggesting a link to the Maldivian Government or statutory bodies or national agencies shall only be registered to the related Government Authority or body.
- 1.9 In the event of doubt, the .MV Registrar must seek the guidance of CAM before making the final decision on registration of the domain name. CAM has the final decision on deciding any additional conditions or reserving additional names that it may deem unsuitable or undesirable for registration.
- 1.10 Domain Names shall be registered on First-Come-First-Served basis provided the name has not been registered to another party and subject to the conditions stated on this policy document.

2. Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must fulfill the following criteria set for the different categories of Domain Names to be considered a valid request for registration of the domain name. Registered Domain Names must maintain the conditions at all times. If at any time, the Domain Name fails to meet the criteria, the Registrar may cancel the registration.

Domain Name Category	Eligibility Criteria
.mv	Open to all applicants. Applications by foreign nationals must be supported by a Maldivian national/entity duly appointed by the applicant to represent the applicant if required.
.gov.mv	Government bodies.
.com.mv	For any entity/individual registered to or intending to carry out business activities in the Maldives. Applications by foreign parties or individuals must be supported by a Maldivian national/entity duly appointed by the applicant to represent the applicant if required.
.edu.mv	Educational institutions registered in the Maldives.

.org.mv	Organisations including Clubs, associations, NGOs and Non-Profit Bodies registered to carry out activities in the Maldives.
.net.mv	For any entity/individual registered to or intending to carry out business activities in the Maldives. Applications by foreign parties or individuals must be supported by a Maldivian national/ entity duly appointed by the applicant to represent the applicant if required.
.aero.mv	Organisations/entities registered in the Maldives to carry out activities in aerospace-related fields

2.2 All Domain Names requests must be associated with a valid Maldivian address.

3. Use of .MV Domains

3.1 The issued .MV Domain shall be used only for legitimate purposes in accordance with the Laws of Maldives.

3.2 The domains issued shall only be used for bona fide purposes as recognized by international best practices.

3.3 The use of the domain shall not violate any trademarks or statutes of the country.

3.4 The use of the .MV domain shall not in any way represent or convey or seem to imply hate or derogatory material against religion, person or any sovereign entity and the government of Maldives.

3.5 .MV Domains that do not comply with the above conditions may be deactivated or cancelled.