

.quebec Launch Policy

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1. Acceptance of this Registration Policy

This Registration Policy sets forth the terms and conditions which govern .quebec domain name registrations during the launch period.

- 1.1 By applying to register .quebec domain name during the launch period, You agree to be legally bound by:
 - a. This Launch Policy, as well as the .quebec general Registration Policy available at <http://policies.registry.quebec> and hereby incorporated by reference;
 - b. The Registration Agreement provided by the sponsoring Accredited Registrar through which You applied for Your .quebec domain name; and
 - c. Any other policies mandated by ICANN from time to time.
- 1.2 You hereby represent and warrant to Us that the statements that You made in Your Registration Agreement with the Accredited Registrar sponsoring Your .quebec domain name are complete and accurate.
- 1.3 It is Your sole responsibility to determine whether Your .quebec domain name registration and use complies with this Registration Policy.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 In this Registration Policy:

- a. **“Accredited Registrar”** means an ICANN accredited registrar that has entered into an agreement (“the **Registry-Registrar Agreement**”) with the Registry Operator and is authorized to register names in the .quebec TLD.
- b. **“General Availability”** means the general registration period commencing after the launch phases during which available .quebec domain names will be generally made available to all registrants that are qualified to register domain names on a first-come, first-served basis, under the process described in the .quebec general Registration Policy.
- c. **“.quebec general Registration Policy”** and/or **“Registration Policy”** means the policy available at the Registry Operator’s <http://policies.registry.quebec> and hereby incorporated by reference, which governs the registration of .quebec domain names.
- d. **“ICANN”** means the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.
- e. **“Premium Name”** means a .quebec domain name listed in the Premium Name List that may be made available for registration at a premium fee or initially reserved by the Registry Operator to be auctioned or sold at a later date.
- f. **“Registrant”, “You”** and **“Your”** refers to the individual or entity, which applies or wishes to register a .quebec domain name with an Accredited Registrar.
- g. **“Registry Operator”, “We”, “Us”** and **“Our”** refers to the PointQuébec, as entity responsible for operating the .quebec TLD, regardless of whether acting directly or through an authorized agent (e.g.:CORE Association).
- h. **“Reserved Name”** means a .quebec domain name listed in the Reserved Name List that is withheld from registration.
- i. **“TLD”** means Top-Level Domain.

3. General conditions and Launch overview

- 3.1 To register a .quebec domain name during Launch, the application must comply with
 - a. The specific eligibility requirements set forth in this Launch Policy for each launch category, as well as with



- b. The general eligibility requirements and terms of use set forth in the .quebec Registration Policy, hereby incorporated by reference. Specifically, to register and renew a .quebec domain name the Registration Policies require that You must be an individual or legal entity with a nexus to the .quebec community at the time of registration and thereafter.

Registrations under the .quebec TLD are restricted to those fulfilling these two requirements:

- a) Nexus with the .quebec community. To register, renew, or accept the transfer of a .quebec domain name the registrant must be an individual or a legal entity with a connection to the .quebec community. This connection means that the registrant of the domain name must be able to reasonably demonstrate a link or an interest to the community at the time of registration and throughout the duration of the active registration. The link to the community can be on a linguistic, cultural, tourism, commercial, or any other basis that is conducive (and not detrimental) to the benefit of the Québec community.

- b) subject to the further requirement that the registrant's actions in the .quebec community, as well as the registrant's use of the registered domain name, must be:

- i) generally accepted as legitimate; and
- ii) beneficial to the interest of the .quebec community; and
- iii) commensurate with the role and importance of the registered domain name; and
- iv) in good faith at the time of registration and throughout the duration of the active registration.

Registrants are required to state their intended use of the registered domain name. A false statement of intended use is an indication of bad faith and can be the basis for the suspension of the domain name.

Upon registration and during all the life of the .quebec domain name You must be



able to demonstrate either of the aforementioned fields is applicable to You. Community nexus is subject to post-validation by way of an extensive compliance program based on the same criteria that form the basis of the TLD.

The strength of the validation will be kept in line with the importance of the underlying domain name base on the assumption that an average user would reasonably make in the context of that domain name.

The .quebec General Registration Policy will apply to all aspects of Your registration not specifically contemplated in this Launch Policy.

- 3.2 The Launch Phase for .quebec will start on September 2nd 2014 10:00 EDT (14:00 UTC) and will end on November 11th 2014 9:00 EST (14:00 UTC)* followed by a 7 day cooling off period before the start of the General Availability period on November 18th 9:00 EST (14:00 UTC)

During this single 70 calendar days period, five categories of applications will be accepted: an end-date Sunrise for TMCH validated trademarks, one Category for entities with a specific remit in regards to the promotion of the .quebec community, two Categories for registrants with prior rights, and an additional Category for applications without prior rights (Landrush). Applications for **all these 5 categories will be accepted simultaneously** and will be **allocated at the end of this single 70 day Launch Phase** window according to the hierarchy of **priority status** of each category. Thus, each category will be completely allocated (i.e. accepted, rejected or sent to contention resolution) before any name on the next category is allocated. Each claim of priority will be individually and **thoroughly validated** by the Registry Operator. Self-declaration will not be sufficient. The categories are the following, according to priority status (from top-priority to lesser priority):

Category / Priority	*Length	Summary
1. Sunrise	Start: 2014-09-02 10:00:00 EDT (14:00:00 UTC) End: 2014-11-11 9:00:00 EST (14:00:00 UTC)	End-date Sunrise for TMCH-validated trademarks.
2. Public Interest Limited Registration Period (LRP)	Start: 2014-09-02 10:00:00 EDT (14:00:00 UTC) End: 2014-11-11 9:00:00 EST (14:00:00 UTC)	<p>Limited Registration Period to allow legal entities which have a specific remit in regards to the promotion of the .quebec community, including Public Administrations with competences in Québec, to register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) their own names (including clear variations and/or abbreviations thereof), (ii) their online services, (iii) the same domain names registered by them in other TLDS and effectively used, and (iv) their registered trademarks.

<p>3. Local Trademarks LRP</p>	<p>Start: 2014-09-02 10:00:00 EDT (14:00:00 UTC) End: 2014-11-11 9:00:00 EST (14:00:00 UTC)</p>	<p>Limited Registration Period to allow legal entities to register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non TMCH-validated trademarks with effect in Canada: <p>(i.e. Canadian trademarks registered at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographical Indications: <p>recognized by International or Canadian legislation.</p>
<p>4. Other prior rights LRP</p>	<p>Start: 2014-09-02 10:00:00 EDT (14:00:00 UTC) End: 2014-11-11 9:00:00 EST (14:00:00 UTC)</p>	<p>Limited registration period intended to allow entities with legal seat in Québec to register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) their registered name and/or trading names (including clear variations and/or abbreviations thereof); and/or (ii) the same domain names registered by them in other TLDs and effectively used. <p>If more than one applicant has submitted an application for the same name within this category, the successful applicant will be determined by auction.</p>

5. Landrush	<p>Start: 2014-09-02 10:00:00 EDT (14:00:00 UTC)</p> <p>End: 2014-11-11 9:00:00 EST (14:00:00 UTC)</p>	<p>Period during which any interested party shall have the opportunity to submit one or more applications for .quebec domain names that were not previously allocated under Categories 1 to 2 above, or otherwise reserved by the Registry Operator. If more than one applicant has submitted an application for the same name within this category, the successful applicant will be determined by auction.</p>
General Availability	<p>Start: 2014-11-18 9:00:00 EST (14:00:00 UTC)</p>	<p>Ongoing General registration period commencing after the launch phases during which available domain names ending with .quebec can be registered by any natural person or entity that fulfills the eligibility requirements of the .quebec Registration Policy on a first-come, first-served basis, under the process also described in the .quebec Registration Policy.</p>
Trademark Claims Notice Service	<p>This applies to phase 2 to 5 and at least for the first 90 days of General Availability.</p>	<p>Period during which the Accredited Registrar is required to provide notice to all potential domain name registrants who attempt to register a domain name that matches a Trademark Record verified by the Trademark Clearinghouse (“Claims Notice”) and the Trademark Clearinghouse will provide Notice of Registered Names (“NORNs”) to the trademark holders</p>

* IMPORTANT: The Registry Operator reserves the right to revise or extend the schedule of any of the above launch categories at its sole discretion. However, Sunrise will last for a minimum of 60 days and the Trademark Claims Notice Service will be in effect for at least the duration of Phases 2 and 3 and the first 90 days of General Availability.

4. Priority 1 Category: End-Date Sunrise

4.1 Sunrise Eligibility and Name Selection Requirements

This category is for TMCH-registered trademarks: registered owners, licensees or assignees of trademarks verified by the Trademark Clearinghouse (“TMCH”);

These requirements are in addition to the the nexus to the .quebec community as defined in 3.1 above, as well as to any other general requirement applicable to all .quebec registrations, as set forth in the .quebec Registration Policy. No other requirements (e.g. trademark class) will apply.

4.2 Validation

TMCH-registered trademarks: The Registry Operator will only register the domain name applied for insofar and to the extent that:

- a. The domain name meets the general eligibility criteria set out in the .quebec Registration Policy;
- b. The domain name corresponds exactly with a trademark validated, upon request of the applicant, by the Trademark Clearinghouse for Sunrise Services;
- c. a valid SMD file is submitted at the time of application;
- d. the application matches a label contained within the SMD file;
- e. and the domain name is available.

No other requirements (e.g. trademark jurisdiction, trademark class or local presence) will apply.

4.3 Duration

This TMCH Sunrise Period will last 70 calendar days and it will run in parallel with the rest of the Launch Phases.

4.4 Contention Resolution

Should there be more than one eligible application for the same domain in this category, the contention will be solved through an auction process. No other contention resolution criteria will apply.

4.5 Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy

Allocations and rejections of domain names under this TMCH Sunrise Period category will be able to be challenged through the **Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy** (“SDRP”) available on the Registry Operator’s website.

5. Priority 2 Category: Public Interest LRP

This Category is for legal entities which have a specific remit in regards to the promotion of the .quebec community, including Public Administrations with competences in Québec.

Only those applicants with a specific remit in promoting the Public Interest of Québec (including the relevant Public Authorities with competence in Québec) will be allowed to register names subject to the Eligibility and Name Selection requirements set forth below.

The authoritative publicly available resources where all those entities considered as having a specific remit in promoting Québec’s Public Interest is attached as Annex 1 to this Launch Policy. Any potential applicant to be considered under the rules of this category must be included within these Public and private Registries, which are maintained by their respective Authorities. Any entity included in any of these Registries is, therefore, considered as a trustworthy steward of the promotion of Québec’s Public Interest.

5.1 Eligibility and Name Selection Requirements

Entities eligible for this category may register:

- i) their own **names** (including clear variations and/or abbreviations thereof),
- ii) their **online services**,
- iii) the same **domain names** registered by them in other TLDs and effectively used, and
- iv) their **registered trademarks**.

Public Authorities as defined above may also register the following names:

- Names of public services for which Public Authorities have specific responsibilities. These would include at least, and among others, the following services:

- public order and public security
- public affairs and institutional relations
- public health
- taxation, economic development and promotion
- public utilities
- transportation
- urban planning and environmental protection
- culture and education
- citizen participation
- tourism; or

- Geographical names for any administrative level of Québec (e.g. provinces, cities, districts, neighbourhoods, streets...), local landmarks, and other locally-relevant and iconic names over which the Public Authorities referred to in 1.2 above are the relevant authority according to local law, including clear variations and abbreviations thereof.

The Registry Operator will only register the domain name applied for insofar and to the extent that the domain name

- i) meets the general eligibility criteria set out in the .quebec general Registration Policy,
- ii) complies with the specific eligibility and name selection requirements set forth in Clause 3.1 above; and
- iii) it is available.

5.2 Validation

The validation process will be handled by the Registry. Any applicant declaring eligibility for consideration in this Category will be checked against the List of publicly available resources provided by the Registry Operator as Annex 1, and its application will be considered approvable by the Registry if it meets the criteria established in sections 3.1 and 5.1 above and does not match any valid sunrise application as established in section 4.

5.3 Duration

The Public Interest LRP will last seventy (70) calendar days and it will run in parallel with the rest of the Launch Phases. This LRP, as has been referred in Section 3.2, is an exception to the single 70 day period, lasting 3 more days than the other phases due to its relevance for the .quebec community.

5.4 Contention Resolution

Should there be more than one eligible application for the same domain in this category, the contention will be solved on a first-come first-served basis

5.5 Priority

Applications eligible under this category will be allocated with priority over eligible Priority 3, Priority 4, and landrush applications.

5.6 Challenges to domain names allocated or rejected under this category

Allocations and rejections of domain names under this category may be challenged through the Eligibility and Reconsideration Dispute Resolution Policy established by the Registry Policy, available at the Registry Operator's webpage.

6. Priority 3 Category: Local Trademarks LRP

6.1 Eligibility and Name Selection Requirements

This category is for non TMCH validated trademarks with effect in Canada applied on or before June 13th 2012 and granted on or before December 19th, 2014, and in force at the time of registration of the domain name. In this Launch Policy "**Local Trademarks**" refers to:

1. **Canadian trademarks** registered at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office:
2. **Geographical Indications**, Protected Geographical Indications and Protected Denominations of Origin recognized by Canadian or International legislation.

The community nexus and any other general requirements applicable to all .quebec registrations, as set in 3.1 above apply. No other requirements (e.g. trademark class) will apply.

6.2 Validation

Applications under this category will be individually and thoroughly validated by either the Registry Operator or CORE Association as an agent of the Registry Operator.

6.2.1 Validation of Trademarks

Verification of registration data and status in the Canada Intellectual Property Office Online Database:

Local Trademarks will be individually verified with the aid of the IPO search tool available online:

CIPO database, available at:

<http://www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/home>

This search tool gives access to CIPO's official trademark database, which contains all three types of Local Trademarks eligible under this program (that is, Canadian trademarks);

6.2.2 Validation of Geographical Indications

The applicant supporting its application on a geographical indication must indicate and prove that such geographical indication is recognized by an International treaty or Canadian legislation.

6.3 Duration

The local trademarks LRP will last seventy (70) calendar days and it will run in parallel with the rest of the Launch Phases.

6.4 Contention resolution via Auction

Should there be more than one eligible application for the same domain in this category, the contention will be solved through an auction process. No other contention resolution criteria (like allocation based on a first-come first served basis, or taking into account the nature of business or enterprise, the class of goods and services or jurisdiction of the trademark on which the application is based) will apply.

6.5 Priority

Applications eligible under this category will be allocated with priority over eligible Priority 4 and landrush applications.

6.6 Challenges to domain names allocated or rejected under this category

Allocations and rejections of domain names under this category may be challenged through the Eligibility and Reconsideration Dispute Resolution Policy established by the Registry Policy, available at the Registry Operator's webpage.

7. Priority 4 Category: Other Rights Limited Registration Period

7.1 Eligibility and Name Selection Requirements

This category allows entities with legal seat in Québec to register

- i) their registered name and/or trading names (including clear variations and/or abbreviations thereof) trade names and other verifiable established trading names; and
- ii) the same domain names registered by them in other TLDs and effectively used.

The Registry Operator will only register the domain name applied for insofar and to the extent that the domain name

- i) meets the general eligibility criteria set out in the .quebec general Registration Policy,
- ii) complies with the specific eligibility and name selection requirements set forth in Clause 3.1 above; and
- iii) it is available.

7.2 Validation

The validation process will be handled by either the Registry Operator or CORE Association as an agent of the Registry Operator. Any applicant declaring eligibility for consideration in this Category will be checked against the online resources provided by the Registraire des Entreprises,, the official Québec government register of Québec companies. available here:

https://www.registreentreprises.gouv.qc.ca/RQAnonymeGR/GR/GR03/GR03A2_19A_PIU_RechEnt_PC/PageResultat.aspx?T1.JetonStatic=e3bb39a9-258f-4a62-bdc7-33a4c9e64f3b&T1.CodeService=S00436#CPH_K1ZoneContenu1_Cadr_IdSectionResultat_IdSectionResultat_K1DetailsRecherche_Ancre

and its application will be considered approvable by the Registry if it meets the criteria established in sections 3.1 and 7.1 above.

7.3 Duration

The Other Rights LRP will last seventy (70) calendar days and it will run in parallel with the rest of the Launch Phases.

7.4 Contention resolution via Auction

Should there be more than one eligible application for the same domain in this category, the contention will be solved through an auction process. No other contention resolution criteria (like allocation based on a first-come first served basis, or taking into account the nature of business or enterprise, the class of goods and services or jurisdiction of the trademark on which the application is based) will apply.

7.5 Priority

Applications eligible under this category will be allocated with priority over eligible landrush applications.

7.6 Challenges to domain names allocated or rejected under this category

Allocations and rejections of domain names under this category may be challenged through the appropriate Dispute Resolution Policy established by the Registry Policy, available at the Registry Operator's webpage.

8. Category 3: Landrush (names without priority rights)

8.1 Eligibility and Name Selection

During Landrush, any interested party may submit one or more applications for any domain name that:

- i) meets the general eligibility criteria set out in the .quebec general Registration Policy and that,
- ii) has not been reserved, registered or awarded by the Registry Operator in the context of any other Launch categories.

8.2 Duration

The Landrush LRP will last seventy (70) calendar days and it will run in parallel with the rest of the Launch Phases.

8.3 Contention resolution within this category

Should there be more than one eligible application for the same domain in this category, the contention will be solved through an auction process.

No other contention resolution criteria (like allocation based on a first-come first served basis) will apply.

8.4 Priority

Applications eligible under this category will be allocated with priority over eligible applications received during General Availability.

8.5 Challenges to domain names allocated or rejected under this category

Allocations and rejections of domain names under this category may be challenged through the Eligibility and Reconsideration Dispute Resolution Policy established by the Registry Policy, available at the Registry Operator's webpage.

9. Compliance with Eligibility and Name Selection requirements

The Registry Operator may reject, revoke suspend or delete at any time any application or resulting registration of a domain name if it appears that the applicant did not fulfill any of the eligibility and/or name selection requirements required for each of the above categories, without the applicant or registrant being entitled to any reimbursement or compensation as a result of such rejection, revocation or deletion.

ANNEX I

Public Directories of Eligible applicants for the Public Interest LRP

Ministères et organismes au Québec:

<http://www.gouv.qc.ca/portail/quebec/pgs/commun/gouv/minorg/?lang=fr>
<<http://www.gouv.qc.ca/portail/quebec/pgs/commun/gouv/minorg/?lang=en>>

Santé et services sociaux au Québec: Health services and social services

<http://www.informa.msss.gouv.qc.ca/acronymes.aspx?ldDimension=pbvlv5iUVp4=>

Service aux associations du Québec: Associations Register

http://www.associationsquebec.qc.ca/membres_liste.asp

Fédérations des chambres de commerce du Québec: Chambers of Commerce Federation

<http://www.fccq.ca/membres-FCCQ-chambres-accreditees.php>

Associations au Québec: Associations

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebsci/haip/srch/basicsearchresult-fra.action?k=a&s=registered&p=1&b=true>

Lieux historiques nationaux Québec Canada: Historic landmarks

http://www.pc.gc.ca/progs/lhn-nhs/recherche-search_f.asp?s=1

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_lieux_historiques_nationaux_du_Canada_au_Qu%C3%A9bec

<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_lieux_historiques_nationaux_du_Canada_au_Qu%C3%A9bec>

Municipalités au Québec: Municipalities

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_municipalités_locales_du_Qu%C3%A9bec

<http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_villes_du_Qu%C3%A9bec>

Éducation au Québec: Education services

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_universités_du_Qu%C3%A9bec

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_universit%C3%A9s_du_Qu%C3%A9bec

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_établissements_d'enseignement_collégial_du_Québec

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_des_%C3%A9tablissements_d'enseignement_coll%C3%A9gial_du_Qu%C3%A9bec

<http://www.canpages.ca/entreprises/QC/quebec/ecoles-maternelles-and-pre-maternelles/4766-745600.html>

<http://www.magarderie.com/quebec/liste-services-garderie.html>

http://www.rqeee.qc.ca/?P=Liste_Ecoles

Police au Québec: Police

<http://www.sq.gouv.qc.ca/informations/liste-poste-et-districts.jsp>

<http://www.sq.gouv.qc.ca/informations/liste-des-postes-et-des-districts/mlI-surete-du-quebec.jsp>

<http://www.enpq.qc.ca/futur-policier/recrutement/corps-de-police-quebécois.html>

Pompiers au Québec: Fire fighters

<http://www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca/securite-incendie/bottin-services-incendie.html>

Just make a return on this page and you will get all the fire department in Québec

<http://www.agencesss04.qc.ca/reseau-regional/services-prehospitaliers-d-urgence/premiers-repondants.html>

Hopitaux du Québec: Hospitals

<http://www.sante.qc.ca/listes/ta-ch.htm>

<http://www.pagesjaunes.ca/business/QC/00681600.html>

Palais de justice au Quebec: Justice Courts

<http://www.justice.gouv.qc.ca/francais/joindre/palais/palais.htm>

Juges du Québec: Judges

http://www.tribunaux.qc.ca/c-quebec/fs_liste_juges_cq.html



Hotellerie au Québec: Hotels

<http://www.hotelleriequebec.com/representer/repertoire-membres-hoteliers/>