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## Luxembourg domain names to become unrestricted and introduce International Domain Names (I.D.N.s domain names in non Latin scripts)



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The Luxembourg domain name registry for .lu domain names has announced plans that will have two effects:

1. to effectively make .lu domain names unrestricted to register
2. to introduce International Domain Names (I.D.N.s domain names in non Latin script) as .lu domain names

### Registration of .lu to become unrestricted

There will effectively be no restriction on who can register Luxembourg domain names (.lu) from February 1st 2010. Currently, where the proposed Registrant/owner is a non-Luxembourg entity are required to record a entity with a Luxembourg address as the Administrative Contact, in future this will not be necessary. This will be introduced in a landrush with .lu domain names being allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Introduction of International Domain Names (I.D.N.s domain names in non Latin script) as .lu domain names

It will be possible to register International Domain Names (I.D.N.s domain name in non Latin script) as .lu domain name from February 1st 2010. The IDN characters introduced will be those commonly used in German, French and Luxembourg native languages. Registration of .lu IDNs will be launched with a sunrise period during which the holders of existing .lu domain name will have first priority to register their eligible IDN .lu domain name. However during this sunrise period the .lu IDN will be awarded to the first eligible application received, if more than party is eligible to apply for the same IDN. The Sunrise period will close on March 31st 2010. Currently, it is only possible to register .lu domain names in Latin script.

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The characters that will be supported after February 1st 2010 includes those indicated below:

- U+00E4 Latin small letter a with diaeresis (ä)
- U+00F6 Latin small letter o with diaeresis (ö)
- U+00FC Latin small letter u with diaeresis (ü)
- U+00E0 Latin small letter a with grave (à)
- U+00E2 Latin small letter a with circumflex (â)
- U+00E6 Latin small letter ae (æ)
- U+00E7 Latin small letter c with cedilla (ç)
- U+00E8 Latin small letter e with grave (è)
- U+00E9 Latin small letter e with acute (é)
- U+00EA Latin small letter e with circumflex (ê)
- U+00EB Latin small letter e with diaeresis (ë)
- U+00EE Latin small letter i with circumflex (î)
- U+00EF Latin small letter i with diaeresis (ï)
- U+00F4 Latin small letter o with circumflex (ô)
- U+00F9 Latin small letter u with grave (ù)
- U+00FB Latin small letter u with circumflex (û)
- U+0153 Latin small ligature oe (œ)

The domain names eligible during the sunrise period are those derived from an existing domain name by replacing one or more characters with the same base character with a diacritic, or by applying the general replacement convention indicated below:

*Mapping table:*

a: à, â, ä  
c: ç  
e: é, è, ê, ë  
i: î, ï  
o: ô, ö  
u: û, ù, ü  
ae: æ, ä  
oe: œ, ö  
ue: ü

The minimum number of characters that it is possible to register as a .lu domain is three excluding the .lu .

The maximum number of characters that it is possible to register as a .lu domain is 63 excluding the .lu .

There as no local dispute resolution policy applicable to .lu domain names.

It will still be necessary to provide the name of an individual to be recorded at the point of contact for the proposed Registrant or Administrative Contact, and is not possible to use a title such Domain Administrator.

During the sunrise period it will not be possible to change the Registrant of a domain name registered in this period. However, it will be possible to register a .lu domain name then apply for the corresponding .lu IDN.

**Implications**

We would recommend that brand holders review their portfolios of domain names, brands and associated terms to assist to identifying any .lu domain names, IDN or otherwise, that would be beneficial to register.

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