

.CAREER Sunrise Policy

Details about ICANN's requirements for Rights Protection Mechanisms can be found on the ICANN website at the following link <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/about/trademarkclearinghouse>.

Rights Protection Mechanisms and the Trademark Clearinghouse

ICANN has established the Trademark Clearinghouse and associated processes and procedures so that the Registry Operator can comply with its obligation to implement Rights Protection Mechanisms.

ICANN has appointed providers, the TMCH Sunrise and Claims Operator(s), to operate the Trademark Clearinghouse. Registry Operator's implementation of the Service has been integrated and tested by Verisign (the Back-end Registry Operator) with the TMCH Sunrise and Claims Operator. Information about the Trademark Clearinghouse and the TMCH Sunrise and Claims Operator can be found at the following link <http://trademark-clearinghouse.com/>.

Where applicable the Registry Operator's role is to compare the information provided by a Registrar to the Registry Operator, with that information that is contained in the Trademark Clearinghouse. The Registry Operator does not make any decisions about the validity or use of a mark or its inclusion in the Trademark Clearinghouse.

Sunrise Policy: 60 Day End Date Sunrise

- Scope and Timing:

Registry Operator will offer a sixty (60) day End Date Sunrise Period, specifically in relation to Rights Protection Mechanisms. The Sunrise Period allows trademark holders the ability to secure their trademarks in the **.CAREER** TLD prior to General Availability, when domain names may be registered by the general public. During the Sunrise Period, only SMD File holders (or their agents) are allowed to submit Sunrise Application(s). Successful Sunrise Registration(s) will be allocated to trademark holders after the Sunrise Period ends unless two or more Sunrise Applicants apply for the same SLD. In that case, the Sunrise Applicants will resolve contentions through an auction process with the Registry Operator's authorized Auction Provider.

During the End Date Registration Sunrise, the following applies:

- Verisign will download the list of revoked SMDs from the TMCH for purposes of validating sunrise registrations
- The ICANN-CA (Certificate Authority) will maintain a Certificate Revocation List, Verisign will use that list for purposes of validating SMDs.
- Verisign will require a valid SMD file from Registrars (via launch phase EPP extensions) in order to process domain creates.

- Once validated, domains are added to the **.CAREER** zone in “pending status” in DNS. All registrations will wait until the end of Sunrise to complete registration.
- Registrars are billed normally at the time the “Domain Create” command is processed.
- Verisign will notify the TMCH of successful Sunrise registrations (upload LORDN file) unless contention.

dotCareer LLC will notify Sunrise applicants, if any, in contention.

If more than one Sunrise Application for the same Domain Name meets the eligibility criteria described herein, the Sunrise Applications will be submitted to the Registry Operator's authorized Auction Provider.

Domain Names awarded to successful Sunrise Applicants at auction will be allocated by Registry Operator, via Registry Service Provider and Auction Provider, following the conclusion of such auction.

- **Available Sunrise Registration Periods:**

Sunrise Period Registrations may be purchased in yearly increments of no less than one (1) year and no more than ten (10) years, commencing on the date on which the Domain Name is registered. Unless otherwise terminated, such registration will expire on the same day of the month the registration was created.

- **Eligible Applicants:**

Each applicant must meet the qualifications specified by ICANN requirements and detailed in the TMCH Guidelines, as they may change from time to time.

- **SMD File Requirements:**

The Applicant must first provide information required by the TMCH to obtain the SMD File as detailed in Sections 2 and 3 of the TMCH Guidelines. The TMCH then will issue an SMD File to verified applicants. The Sunrise Applicant must submit a valid SMD File along with its Sunrise Application. The Registry Operator will perform verification of the SMD File and confirm that the applied for Label is contained in the SMD File. Where verification of the SMD File fails or the applied for Label is not contained in the SMD File, that Application will be rejected.

- **Allocation:**

Unless otherwise stated in this Overview, the Registry Operator, via the Registry Service Provider and Auction Provider, will allocate a Domain Name if:

- The Domain Name Label meets the requirements set out below;
- The Domain Name Label and the information contained in the Registrar's request meet the requirements in the Registrar Terms and Conditions;

- The Domain Name Label is available; and
- The Registrar is in good standing with the Registry.

- **Domain Name Label Requirements:**

Registry Operator, via Registry Service Provider, will not accept a Sunrise Application unless the applied-for Domain Name meets the applicable requirements as defined in RFC 1035 and RFC 1123, including the following technical and syntax requirements. The Domain Name Label must:

- if ASCII, consist exclusively of the letters A-Z (case insensitive), the numbers 0-9, and hyphens;
- if non-ASCII (e.g., IDN), consist of language scripts offered by the Registry (as specified on the Registry Website);
- not begin or end with a hyphen;
- not exceed 63 characters;
- contains at least one character; and
- not contain hyphens, except where two consecutive hyphens (-) are used in the 3rd and 4th positions, when preceded by "xn" and followed by a label that corresponds with an IDN containing characters referred to in Subsection (b) above.

- **SLD Blocked Domains:**

Applications will NOT be accepted for domain names appearing on the SLD block list available at <http://www.icann.org/sites/default/files/tlds/career/career-apd-list-12nov13-en.csv>.

- **Sunrise Applicant Notification:**

Notification to Sunrise applicants will be as follows:

- At the end of Sunrise, the Registry Operator will notify Registrars who sponsored a Sunrise Application of applicable Sunrise Registration allocations.
- In the event two or more Sunrise Applications are received for the same Domain Name the Registry will notify the Registrar(s) who sponsored such Sunrise Applications and advise them of the impending auction for the Domain Name.
- Registrars receiving notice of a pending auction must pass on such notice to their Sunrise applicants.
- At the conclusion of an auction for a Domain Name, the sponsoring Registrar(s) for Sunrise Applications will receive notice informing which Sunrise Application:
 - Prevailed in the auction and was allocated the Domain Name; and

- Lost in the auction.
- The Registry Operator may notify the TMCH of successful Sunrise Applications once the corresponding Sunrise Registration has been made.
- The Registry Operator may also publish all or any portion of a pending Sunrise Application online (e.g., via WHOIS).

- **The Registry's Rights:**

The Registry Operator shall be entitled, but not obligated, to reject a Sunrise Application or to delete, revoke, cancel, suspend or transfer a Sunrise Registration:

- To enforce Registry policies and ICANN Requirements, each as amended from time to time;
- That is not accompanied by complete and accurate information, or where required, information is not updated or corrected, as required by ICANN Requirements or Registry policies;
- To protect the integrity and stability of the operation or management of the Registry;
- To comply with applicable laws, regulations, policies or any holding, order, or decision by a competent court or administrative authority, or any dispute resolution service provider the Registry may retain to oversee the arbitration and mediation of disputes;
- To establish, assert, or defend the legal rights of the Registry or a third party, or to avoid any actual or potential civil or criminal liability on the part of or damage to the Registry or its affiliates, subsidiaries, contracted parties, officers, directors, representatives, employees, contractors, and stockholders;
- To correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection with a Sunrise Registration;
- If the Registry receives notice that the SMD File is under dispute; or
- As otherwise provided in the Registrar terms and conditions or Registry-Registrar agreement.

Auction Process:

If more than one Applicant submits a valid Sunrise Application for the same domain name, the Registry Operator will notify the Auction Provider and applicable Registrar(s) after the Sunrise period ends. The prevailing Applicant for the domain name will be determined at an auction hosted by Auction Provider. The auction process will be governed by the terms and conditions published by the Auction Provider and provided to such Applicants ("Auction Rules").

Domain names awarded to successful Sunrise Applicants at auction will be allocated by the Registry Operator, via Registry Service Provider, typically within seven (7) days of notification from the Auction

Provider that the auction has concluded. Any auction fees, charges and the final bid price for the domain name will be the responsibility of the Applicant. Where notified of the result of an auction, Registry Operator will ensure that the domain name is eligible for provisioning to the successful bidder.