

# Registration Policies & Procedures of Domain Names under .jo

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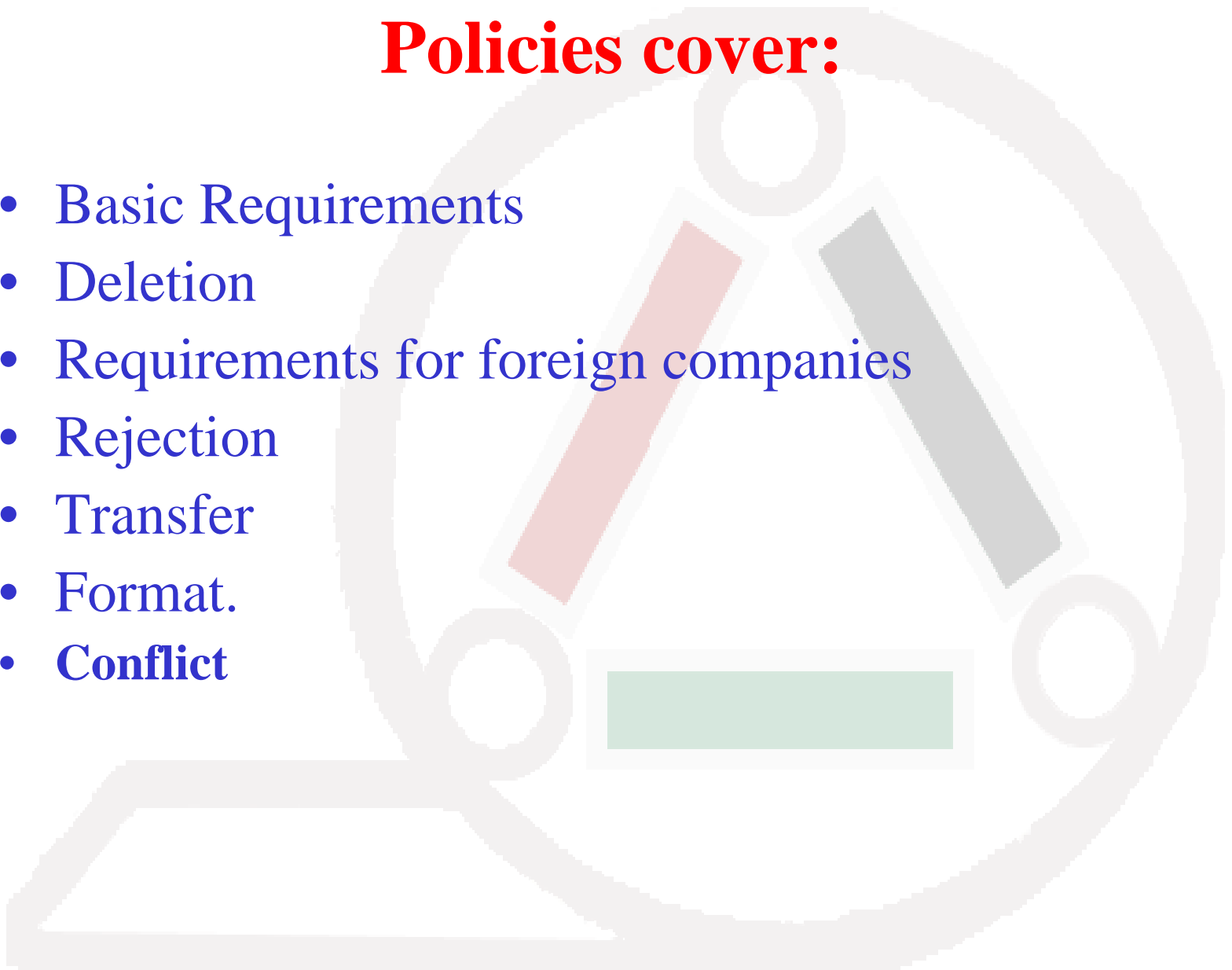
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# The National Information Technology Center (NITC) .jo Registrar

- NITC is an independent non-profit-making organization managed by a council headed by the minister of MoICT.
- The main objective of the Centre is to implement the national strategy, plans and programs that are related to the deployment of information technology resources in government organizations and manage the e-government operating center.
- Local Registrar for .jo since 1995
- Registration became online in August 2006.
- In 2006 also, .name .jo was added to our six old extensions, .com, .org, .edu, .net, .mil, .gov,
- RFC 1591.
- [http://www.dns.jo/Registration\\_policy.aspx](http://www.dns.jo/Registration_policy.aspx)

# Policies cover:

- Basic Requirements
- Deletion
- Requirements for foreign companies
- Rejection
- Transfer
- Format.
- **Conflict**



# Objectives of The Registration Policy

- Serve the Jordanian Internet community and allow as many organizations as possible to have presence on the Internet.
- Non-discriminatory and fair approval of domain names. Our policy is transparent, it is published on the Internet for applicants to see.
- Follow international best practices
- Abide by Jordanian laws
- Protect names on the Internet
- Avoid cybersquatting
- Conflicts are resolved by Jordanian laws
- Provide efficient service with regard to time and cost.
- Provide simple but fast procedure.
- Ensure an appropriate level of sustainability, security and stability and reliability.

# Basic Policies of Registration under .com.jo, .edu.jo, .gov.jo, .mil.jo, .net.jo, .org.jo

- We register Jordanian companies
- Foreign companies must have local presence.
- The administrative contact should be residing in Jordan.
- “first come first serve”.
- All applications must be submitted with an official document
- We require trade mark license for domain names different from company name
- .gov must be submitted with an official letter from the ministry/public department.
- Translation of names is not allowed to avoid cybersquatting and infringement on the rights of others.
- Renewal of domain names is annual.

# Rejection: Major Features

- A domain name must be unique.
- If the domain is identical with an already registered name
- Confusingly similar to other domain names and could mislead users of the internet.
- Geographic names are rejected if they are requested by organizations other than the government
- It does not comply with public ethics.
- If it conflicts with another global name or trade mark.
- Infringement on the legal right of a third party.
- Translated names are rejected. Transliteration are preferred to translations.

# Conflicts

- NITC considers the application a contract that is governed by Jordanian laws.
- If a dispute arises, NITC suspends the domain name until further official notification of settlement is received.
- NITC abides by all court orders

# Online Application Procedure

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- The APPLICATION can be filled out in either Arabic or English
- Domain names are checked on the WHOIS for availability before filling up the application.
- Applications are sent electronically
- Support documents can be sent by uploading them through the system or by faxing them
- Electronic applications are evaluated “ manually”.
- Approval is sent by the Unit to the registrant by email.
- A copy of the approval is sent to finance.
- FEES are paid by cash or through our Bank.
- After payment is received, finance sends the application , electronically, to the systems engineer who finally registers the domain name.
- Domain names are activated after receiving payment within 24 hours

# Online Registration

- Once a domain name is successfully registered, the Administrative Contact is allowed to apply specific modification by using the username and password:
  - Appoint a new Technical Contact
  - Appoint a new Billing Contact
  - Change password
  - Modify the Administrative Contact record
  - Request deletion of a domain name (this has to be supported by an official letter from the owner).
  - Request transfer of the domain name (supported by an official letter from the owner).

# The Registration Unit

- No dedicated staff in the unit.
- Evaluator: a senior staff member who participated in writing the policy
- An accountant and
- A systems engineer from the Systems Consultancy Dept. He Maintains the WHOIS database and is responsible for the security, stability and sustainability of the DNS.
- The Unit acts as a focal point for enquiries about ccTLD practices and policies affecting .jo.
- It is responsible for documenting policies and procedures of registration and modifying them as the need arises.
- The Unit represents Jordan in regional and international meetings concerning ccTLDs
- It is a member in ccNSO, GAC and ADN ( Arabic Domain Name Committee)

# Hardware & Software

- 2 servers ( primary & secondary)
- **Server Type** Sun Netra T1 AC200
- **Operating System** Sun Solaris 8.0
- **Processor Type** UltraSPARC-11e
- **Processor Speed** 500 MHz
- **Hard Disk Size** 18.2 GB
- **RAM** 512 MB
- **Number of Ethernet Cards** 2

# Fees and payment policies

<b>Domain</b>	<b>New Setup</b>	<b>Annual / Renewal</b>
<u>.com.jo,.org.jo,.net.jo,.edu.jo,.mil.jo</u>	JD 50	JD 25
.jo	JD 100	JD 50
.name.jo	JD 25	JD 15

-Annual renewal fees..

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# Future Plans and Challenges

- Enhance the use of the DNS by using aggressive marketing plan.
- Expand into new national generic TLDs
- Use electronic payment to facilitate the registration process and complete the electronic cycle of the registration
- We are committed to the introduction of IDN as Arabic domain names is part of the National Agenda requirements of Jordan and as soon as all the necessary standards and processes are complete
- Promote the Arabic content on the web
- Cooperate with regional and international agencies in all domain name issues.

**Thanks**

