



## **Application Process for Single and Two Character .Coop Domain Names**

DotCoop offers single and two-character domain names for registration by eligible organizations through .coop-accredited registrars. These very special domains were not previously available for registration because of contract restrictions and technical concerns, which have now been addressed for .coop users.

Applications are being handled on a first-come, first-serve basis - just like regular .coop names.

### **Expressions of Interest**

Because there are a limited number of these domain names, dotCoop will require that those interested in registering any single or two-character .coop name provide a brief Expression of Interest (EOI) concerning domains that they would like to register.

EOI's can be submitted via email or post using the form at the end of this document. All submissions should be in English, although supporting information may be provided in other languages.

All awards will be final and the names will be made available to those registrants for registration at that time. Names must be registered within seven days of confirmation of the EOI.

### **Evaluation of Expressions of Interest**

The evaluation of the Expressions of Interest will consider the following criteria which are included on the EOI form:

- whether the domain will be actively used; an activation schedule –i.e. a timeline of when the domain name will be pointing to a functioning website- should be included with the EOI;
- previous use or identification of the applicant organization with the name being requested. This includes any registered trademarks in use by the applicant organization;
- whether the eligible organization has particular standing within its regional, national or international cooperative organizations or sectors;
- whether the proposed use will be specific to the registrant or in general support of a geographic or sectoral group of cooperatives with wider use and access being encouraged without financial restrictions. However, such open access is not required.

In short, the EOI's would be evaluated in terms of the value of the use of the domain to the cooperative community with active use a high priority. EOI's will be evaluated by DotCooperation LLC staff and with

consultation by stakeholders or leaders of the global cooperative community , as needed. All award decisions are at the discretion of dotCoop and are final.

Please note that applicants for two-character domains must identify whether the characters they are interested in are the same as those of country code TLDs

(<https://www.iso.org/iso-3166-country-codes.html>)

The registration of two-letter country codes are generally restricted. However, dotCoop will be able to provide some guidance to the interested applicant on how to go about registering a two-letter country code name on the .coop domain name. It is anticipated that mostly recognized apex organizations in those countries would be able to gain agreement with the controlling country code agency to register such domains.

## **Registration and Use of Single and Two Character Domain Names**

These special .coop domains will be released to the eligible organization through the .coop registrar of their choice.

Once the name is registered, .coop will monitor the use of these domains on a periodic basis to confirm that the activation and use descriptions included in the EOI are being followed. There is no intent to control the content of any site but to ensure that the site is following the EOI that governed the award of the domain registration to the eligible organization.

dotCoop retains the right to revoke the domain registration if the site development and use of the domain name awarded does not conform to the information provided in the EOI. Registrants will be given a reasonable time after notification by dotCoop of non-conformance to correct any issues. If the name is revoked for any reason, there will be no refund of the registration fees to the registrant organization or their registrar.

## **Questions and Submissions**

Please direct any additional questions or your Expressions of Interest to DotCooperation LLC at [violetta@identity.coop](mailto:violetta@identity.coop)