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# Domain Name Eligibility

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## 1. Interpretation and Definitions

- 1.1. Except where expressly provided otherwise in this Policy, all terms used in this Policy, and defined in the .aeDA's Common Definition Policy (as amended from time to time) will carry the meaning ascribed to them in that Common Definition Policy.
- 1.2. Except where the context otherwise requires, the following principles will apply in interpreting the terms and words used in this Policy:
  - a) words importing the masculine, feminine or neuter gender include any of them, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
  - b) clause or section headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect the meaning of this Policy;
  - c) references to notice mean notice in writing;
  - d) the Schedules and any appendices or annexures form part of this Policy;
  - e) a reference to a Party includes its executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns; and
  - f) words and expressions importing natural persons include partnerships, bodies corporate, associations, governments, governmental and local authorities and agencies.
- 1.3. The following words where used in this Policy shall have the meaning ascribed to them below:

**"2LD"** a Domain Name that consists of a single Label under امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD. For example: "اسم-نطاق.امارات"; and

**"3LD"** a Domain Name that consists of two Labels under امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD.

## 2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this Policy is to define the rules that govern the granting of 2LD and 3LD Domain Name Licences under the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD.
- 2.2. This Policy applies on امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names and does not apply on .ae Domain Names.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The .aeDA manages the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD.

- 3.2. Before the .aeDA approves the Registration of a امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name it must consider certain issues that do not arise in context of other UAE Domain Names.
- 3.3. These considerations include technical specifications that must be adhered to in order to ensure that امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain functions correctly and all considerations are taken into account in respect of the representation of the Arabic script in Domain Names.
- 3.4. This Policy has been developed in order to address how the aeDA will deal with some of the issues.

## 4. Domain Name Licence

- 4.1. There are no proprietary rights in the Domain Name System. A Registrant does not own a Domain Name, but rather the Registrant holds an exclusive licence to use a Domain Name for a specified period and pursuant to the terms and conditions that govern the Domain Name Licence.
- 4.2. The terms and conditions of a Domain Name Licence are altogether set out in each of the following:
  - 4.2.1.the Application;
  - 4.2.2.the Domain Name Licence;
  - 4.2.3.the Registrant Agreement;
  - 4.2.4. this Policy; and
  - 4.2.5.any other applicable Policy issued by the .aeDA or the TRA
- 4.3. Except for Domain Names allocated prior to امارات. (dotEmarat) Public Launch Date, and those Domain Names, words and phrases which may be placed on the Reserved List, Domain Names are allocated on a 'first come, first served basis' which means that where two or more Applicants are seeking a Domain Name Licence in respect of a particular Domain Name and they all meet the Eligibility Requirements, that Applicant whose Application is accepted by the .aeDA first will be granted the Domain Name Licence.

## 5. Structure of the امارات. (dotEmarat Arabic Domain)

### 5.1.Unrestricted Zone(s)

- 5.1.1. Any Domain Name Registered immediately under the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD is a Domain Name Registered in the Unrestricted Zone, PROVIDED THAT it is not one of the 2LDs reserved by the .aeDA for use in Registering 3LDs described in Section 5.2 below.

- 5.1.2. Unrestricted Domain Names are Domain Names that reside in an Unrestricted Zone which may be Registered by any Applicant, and may be available through all Accredited Registrars, subject to the .aeDA's Policy.

## 5.2. Restricted Zone(s)

- 5.2.1. The .aeDA may reserve a number of 2LDs for use in Registering 3LDs that reside within a particular type or class, or for a particular purpose.
- 5.2.2. The type, class or purpose of these Domain Names is indicated by the 2LD under which the Domain Name is Registered, and this also indicates the Eligibility Requirements which are described in Sections 11 of this Policy.
- 5.2.3. The .aeDA will publish more information regarding these 2LDs before or once they are decided to be introduced.
- 5.2.4. These 2LDs are collectively known as Restricted Zones. Any 3LD ending in one of these 2LDs is thereby considered to be in a Restricted Zone.
- 5.2.5. The .aeDA may add or remove 2LDs from the Restricted Zone from time to time at the sole discretion of the .aeDA.
- 5.2.6. Restricted Domain Names are those which reside in the Restricted Zones.
- 5.2.7. Restricted Domain Names require that the Registrant must meet the Eligibility Requirements described in Section 11 of this Policy.
- 5.2.8. Restricted Domain Names can only be Registered through Accredited Registrars based in the UAE, subject to the .aeDA's Policy.

## 6. Application of the policy

- 6.1. The .aeDA has the responsibility to ensure the integrity of the .امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD is maintained. The .aeDA will monitor and enforce its Policies as required, and reserves the right to revoke any Domain Name Licence that is found to be in breach of its Policies or the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Domain Name Licence is granted.
- 6.2. Accredited Registrars have the responsibility to apply the Policies of the .aeDA. Applications for a Domain Name must be checked for compliance by the Registrar before being submitted to the .aeDA Registry.
- 6.3. Registrants are required, in accordance with their Registration Agreement and the relevant Domain Name Licence, to ensure they meet the Policy Requirements, when submitting their Application. The Registrants are also required to Warrant that they satisfy the Eligibility Requirements during the Application process.

## **7. Breaches of policy**

- 7.1. The .aeDA reserves the right to revoke a Domain Name Licence where a Registrant has made a false Warranty or given false, inaccurate information, or information which is incomplete in any material manner during the Application process or as part of the Application.
- 7.2. The .aeDA reserves the right to revoke any Domain Name Licence where a Registrant is found in violation of any of the relevant laws or regulations of the UAE, and in particular the UAE Penal Code Law No. (3) of 1987 and its amendments, and the Federal Law on Preventing Information Technology Crimes No. (2) of 2006.
- 7.3. The .aeDA may take action against a Registrar where there is evidence that the Registrar has acted negligently in approving an Application in breach of a relevant Policy.

7.3.1. Possible actions include but are not limited to

- 7.3.1.1. the revocation of Accreditation; and
- 7.3.1.2. the .aeDA informing Registrants and the general public of the actions of that Registrar.

## **8. Eligibility criteria – General**

### **8.1. General Registrant Requirements**

The granting of a Domain Name Licence does not of itself give rise to any intellectual property or other rights in the name the subject of the Domain Name Licence, or any part of the Domain Name. Accordingly, it is the Registrant's responsibility to ensure that it has the right to use the Domain Name and that the registration or use of the Domain Name does not violate any third party intellectual property rights or other rights, does not defame any person and does not contravene any applicable laws.

### **8.2. Domain Name Licence Period**

The Domain Name Licence Period will be as follows:

- 8.2.1. one, two, three, four or five years for all Domain Names Registered after the commencement of the New Registry Operations, depending on the terms of the particular Domain Name Licence; and
- 8.2.2. all existing Domain Name Licences in existence as at the commencement date of the New Registry Operations will be determined in accordance with Section 3 above.

### **8.3. No limitation on Unrestricted Domain Names**



There is no limit on the number of Domain Names in the Unrestricted Zone(s) that may be licenced to a Registrant, however; each Domain Name Application must meet the Eligibility Requirements and the .aeDA Policies.

## 8.4.Limitations on Restricted Domain Names

Domain Names that may be Registered in the Restricted Zone(s) are only those that are an exact match to, an acronym of or an abbreviation of, or closely connected to the name of the Registrant’s company name or trading name, organisation or association name or trademark.

Each Domain Name Application for a Domain Name within a Restricted Zone must meet the Eligibility Requirements and the .aeDA Policies.

## 8.5.Composition of امارات. (dotEmarat) Domain Names

- 8.5.1. Domain Names in the Arabic script under امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD will be composed of a U-Label Form (“User Form”) and a corresponding A-Label Form (“DNS Form”).
- 8.5.2. The User Form of the Domain Name must:
  - 8.5.2.1. be in Unicode Normalisation Form C (NFC);
  - 8.5.2.2. consist only of Unicode Code Points present in the Tables of Allowed Letters, Numbers and Special Characters defined in Appendix A;
  - 8.5.2.3. not begin with a digit (English ASCII or Arabic digits);
  - 8.5.2.4. not contain both English ASCII AND Arabic digits;
  - 8.5.2.5. neither begin with nor end with a dash;
  - 8.5.2.6. not contain a dash in the third and fourth positions (e.g. امات.امارات; and
  - 8.5.2.7. not include a space (e.g. هيئة تنظيم امارات).
- 8.5.3. The DNS Form of the Domain Name must:
  - 8.5.3.1. have a no more than a maximum of 63 characters in each label;
  - 8.5.3.2. be the ASCII Compatible Encoding equivalent of a valid User Form as described in 9.5.2. This label will:
    - i. use the English ASCII character set and may contain letters (i.e., a-z), digits (i.e. 0-9) and dash (-) or a combination of these;
    - ii. begin with a letter or a digit and end with a letter or a digit;
    - iii. neither begin with, nor end with a dash;
    - iv. not include a space (e.g. xn--mg bh0fb.xn--mgbaam7a8h); and

v. must start with xn--.

- 8.5.4. In the case where only one of the forms is requested, then its corresponding form will be determined automatically by the .aeDA Domain Name Registry System, and both forms must meet the composition requirements of this Section 8.5.

## 8.6. امارات. (dotEmarat) Domain Name Variants

- 8.6.1. The purpose of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants is to alleviate confusion that may be caused by Arabic Characters that are similar to one another.
- 8.6.2. It is the intent of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants that if the Variant is substituted for the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name by a user, the same end result would be achieved.
- 8.6.3. The Variants (if any) will be associated with the Primary امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name for the term of the Domain Name Licence Period.
- 8.6.4. Variants are determined according to Active Variant Tables and Blocked Variant Tables as in Appendix A.
- 8.6.5. If Variants (if any) associated with the Primary امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name they will have the same Domain Name Record as the Primary امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name.
- 8.6.6. By default all امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants are not active at the time of Registration of the Primary امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name, subject to Section 8.6.6 and 8.6.7. Furthermore, inactive Variants are blocked from registration.
- 8.6.7. Automatic activation of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants:

- 8.6.7.1. The .aeDA will automatically activate امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants for the Registrant at the time of Registration. The combination of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants activated will be based on the equivalent Characters listed in the Active Variants Table of Appendix A.

For example: by registering امثال2010.امارات .aeDA will automatically activate امثال2010.امارات

- 8.6.8. Manual Activation of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants:
- 8.6.8.1. Variants may be activated upon request of Registrant at anytime during the Domain Name Licence Period.
- 8.6.8.2. Variants will be activated by the Registrants Sponsoring Registrar.
- 8.6.8.3. Only Variants that conform to the composition requirements described in Section 8.5 may be activated.

- 8.6.8.4. The maximum number of Active Variant امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names must not exceed five (5) in total.
- 8.6.8.5. Requests to activate two (2) or more امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names Variants may be subject to review by the .aeDA.

For example: by Registering اختبار.امارات, the Registrant may request to activate اختبار.امارات. The remaining inactive Variants will remain blocked from Registration and can be activate upon Registrant request.

8.6.9. Provisioning of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variants:

- 8.6.9.1. It is the Registrant's responsibility to ensure that any details required to ensure the correct operation of the Active Variants of the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name are in place.
- 8.6.9.2. Active Variants must not be managed independently of the Primary امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name, either in the DNS or by any other means.
- 8.6.10. Registrants of امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names may not sell, rent, lease or otherwise relinquish control of to another party, any Active Variant to their امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name.
- 8.6.11. A امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variant may be added or removed at any time by the .aeDA at its sole discretion.

## 8.7. Reserved Names List

- 8.7.1. The .aeDA maintains the Reserved Names List. Domain Names on this List may not be licenced without the required authorisation in accordance with the .aeDA's Reserved Names Policy.
- 8.7.2. The .aeDA reserves the right to revoke a Domain Name Licence, the Registrant of which is Domain Name in breach of this Policy or any other .aeDA Policy.

## 9. Eligibility Requirements

In addition to meeting the general requirements applying to امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names in any as listed above, each Zone of the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD has specific Eligibility requirements, these are listed below.

## **10. Eligibility Requirements for امارات. (dotEmarat) – Unrestricted Zone**

For Registration of Domain Names under the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD, Applicants are not required to provide any documentary evidence, nor meet any requirement other than those mentioned above, and as stated in the Registrant Warranties Policy.

## **11. Eligibility Requirements امارات. (dotEmarat) Restricted Zones**

There are no امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic ccTLD Restricted Zones at this time.

## **12. Policy review**

The .aeDA may update this Policy at any time in its complete discretion, including for the purpose of clarification.

# Appendix A – Language Tables

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## Table of Allowed Arabic Letters

The following table displays Unicode Code Points, Names and associated Characters, which may be used to compose امارات (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names in the .aeDA Domain Name Registry System. These Unicode Code Points have no restrictions on where they may be used.

Unicode Code Point	Unicode Name	Character
U+0621	ARABIC LETTER HAMZA	ء
U+0622	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH MADDA ABOVE	آ
U+0623	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA ABOVE	أ
U+0624	ARABIC LETTER WAW WITH HAMZA ABOVE	ؤ
U+0625	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA BELOW	إ
U+0626	ARABIC LETTER YEH WITH HAMZA ABOVE	ئ
U+0627	ARABIC LETTER ALEF	ا
U+0628	ARABIC LETTER BEH	ب
U+0629	ARABIC LETTER TEH MARBUTA	ة
U+062A	ARABIC LETTER TEH	ت
U+062B	ARABIC LETTER THEH	ث
U+062C	ARABIC LETTER JEEM	ج
U+062D	ARABIC LETTER HAH	ح
U+062E	ARABIC LETTER KHAH	خ
U+062F	ARABIC LETTER DAL	د
U+0630	ARABIC LETTER THAL	ذ
U+0631	ARABIC LETTER REH	ر
U+0632	ARABIC LETTER ZAIN	ز
U+0633	ARABIC LETTER SEEN	س
U+0634	ARABIC LETTER SHEEN	ش
U+0635	ARABIC LETTER SAD	ص
U+0636	ARABIC LETTER DAD	ض
U+0637	ARABIC LETTER TAH	ط
U+0638	ARABIC LETTER ZAH	ظ
U+0639	ARABIC LETTER AIN	ع
U+063A	ARABIC LETTER GHAIN	غ
U+0641	ARABIC LETTER FEH	ف
U+0642	ARABIC LETTER QAF	ق
U+0643	ARABIC LETTER KAF	ك
U+0644	ARABIC LETTER LAM	ل
U+0645	ARABIC LETTER MEEM	م
U+0646	ARABIC LETTER NOON	ن
U+0647	ARABIC LETTER HEH	ه
U+0648	ARABIC LETTER WAW	و
U+0649	ARABIC LETTER ALEF MAKSURA	ى
U+064A	ARABIC LETTER YEH	ي

## Table of Allowed Numbers and Special Characters

The following table displays Unicode Code Points, Names and associated Characters, which may be used to compose امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Names in the .aeDA Domain Name Registry System. HOWEVER the following Unicode Code Points HAVE restrictions on where they may be placed within the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name. These restrictions are enforced by the .aeDA Domain Name Registry System in order to comply with the applicable standards for Internationalised Domain Names.

Unicode Code Point	Unicode Name	Character
U+0660	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT ZERO	٠
U+0661	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT ONE	١
U+0662	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT TWO	٢
U+0663	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT THREE	٣
U+0664	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT FOUR	٤
U+0665	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT FIVE	٥
U+0666	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT SIX	٦
U+0667	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT SEVEN	٧
U+0668	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT EIGHT	٨
U+0669	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT NINE	٩
U+002D	HYPHEN (DASH)-MINUS	-
U+0030	DIGIT ZERO	0
U+0031	DIGIT ONE	1
U+0032	DIGIT TWO	2
U+0033	DIGIT THREE	3
U+0034	DIGIT FOUR	4
U+0035	DIGIT FIVE	5
U+0036	DIGIT SIX	6
U+0037	DIGIT SEVEN	7
U+0038	DIGIT EIGHT	8
U+0039	DIGIT NINE	9

## Active Variant Table

The following table displays the Unicode Code Points, Names and associated Characters, which, when used in a Domain Name, will have an امارات (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variant automatically activated at the time of Registration.

For Example: by registering امثال.امارات.2010.aeDA will automatically activate امثال.٢٠١٠.امارات

Unicode Code Point	Unicode Name	Character	Variant Unicode Code Point	Variant Unicode Name	Variant Character
U+0660	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT ZERO	٠	U+0030	DIGIT ZERO	0
U+0661	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT ONE	١	U+0031	DIGIT ONE	1
U+0662	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT TWO	٢	U+0032	DIGIT TWO	2
U+0663	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT THREE	٣	U+0033	DIGIT THREE	3
U+0664	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT FOUR	٤	U+0034	DIGIT FOUR	4
U+0665	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT FIVE	٥	U+0035	DIGIT FIVE	5
U+0666	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT SIX	٦	U+0036	DIGIT SIX	6
U+0667	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT SEVEN	٧	U+0037	DIGIT SEVEN	7
U+0668	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT EIGHT	٨	U+0038	DIGIT EIGHT	8
U+0669	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT NINE	٩	U+0039	DIGIT NINE	9
U+0030	DIGIT ZERO	0	U+0660	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT ZERO	٠
U+0031	DIGIT ONE	1	U+0661	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT ONE	١
U+0032	DIGIT TWO	2	U+0662	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT TWO	٢
U+0033	DIGIT THREE	3	U+0663	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT THREE	٣
U+0034	DIGIT FOUR	4	U+0664	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT FOUR	٤
U+0035	DIGIT FIVE	5	U+0665	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT FIVE	٥
U+0036	DIGIT SIX	6	U+0666	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT SIX	٦
U+0037	DIGIT SEVEN	7	U+0667	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT SEVEN	٧
U+0038	DIGIT EIGHT	8	U+0668	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT EIGHT	٨
U+0039	DIGIT NINE	9	U+0669	ARABIC-INDIC DIGIT NINE	٩

## Blocked Variant Tables

The following table displays the Unicode Code Points, Names and associated Characters, which, when used in a Domain Name, will have an امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variant which will be a Blocked Variant at the time of Registration. The Registrant may apply to activate the امارات. (dotEmarat) Arabic Domain Name Variant in accordance with the .aeDA Policy.

Blocked Variants are those Variants which have been identified but not provisioned within the .aeDA Domain Name Registry System or the DNS. They will not resolve should they be entered by an end user. An Application to Register a Blocked Variant will be disallowed by the .aeDA Domain Name Registry System.

The following sets of Characters are considered equivalent to one another for the purpose of the .aeDA Policy.

For example: by registering امارات.اخبار the following are all possible blocked variants:

اخبار	أخبار	آخبار	إخبار
اخبار	أخبار	آخبار	إخبار
اخبار	أخبار	آخبار	إخبار
	أخبار	آخبار	إخبار

The Registrant may activate any of them and the remaining inactive Variants will remain blocked from registration and can be activate upon Registrant request.

### Arabic Letter Alef Group

Unicode Code Point	Unicode Name	Character
U+0622	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH MADDA ABOVE	آ
U+0623	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA ABOVE	أ
U+0625	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA BELOW	إ
U+0627	ARABIC LETTER ALEF	ا

### Arabic Letter Heh Group

Unicode Code Point	Unicode Name	Character
U+0647	ARABIC LETTER HEH	ه
U+0629	ARABIC LETTER TEH MARBUTA	ة

### Arabic Letter Yeh Group

Unicode Code Point	Unicode Name	Character
U+064A	ARABIC LETTER YEH	ي
U+0649	ARABIC LETTER ALEF MAKSURA	ى



