



Domain Name Policies and Restrictions during the Sint Maarten Priority Registration (Local) Phases

1 General Conditions

The purpose of the .SX Local Phase is to allow individuals and companies from the Sint Maarten Island to get a priority to protect their name or denomination in the Registry.

The conditions on this page shall ONLY apply during this Local Phase:

- Within each Local phase, Domain Names are registered on a first come, first served basis.
- The Registry reserves the right at its sole discretion to accept, reject, withdraw, reserve, or block any domain name.
- These Policies are subject to change without prior notification.

2 Domain Name Rules applying to legal persons

Applicant's Eligibility: To be eligible to register a Domain Name, a legal person must be i) a company, partnership, association, trust, estate or any similar legal person, and ii) have been registered as such with the Chamber of Commerce as of 2012/01/01.

Domain Name Eligibility and Restrictions:

- An eligible legal person can only register a Domain Name which is the same as, or a shortened (or derivative) version of the legal name under which it is registered,
- No more than 4 Domain Name's that are derivative of the legal name can be pre-registered, excluding permitted additions,
- Permitted additions to the name will be i) hyphens, and ii) variations of the name "Sint Maarten" (see Note 1).
- Generic words alone are not permitted to be registered as a Domain Name during the Local phase and a legal name cannot be reduced to a Domain Name with only one or more generic words (see Note 2) or only geographic names of the island (see Note 3).
- A Domain Name must include at least the identifying word (proper name) of its legal name or may be an acronym of the legal name (see Note 4).
- No Domain Name of less than 5 letters can be registered..

3. Domain Name Rules for Individuals

Applicant's Eligibility: To be eligible to register a Domain Name, individuals must submit i) a driver's license or ii) a government-issued identity card, establishing their residency in Sint Maarten. Such document must have been issued no later than 2012/01/01.

Domain Name Eligibility and Restrictions:

- An individual can only register his (or her) own name as a Domain Name, or a condensed version on the individual's name wherein one or more names are replaced by their initials,
- Such Domain Name can only be registered to the person whose name it is,
- A Domain Name must include one of the names of the individual registering the name and be can only include the individual's actual name(s) (see Note 5).
- Up to 2 Domain Names that are derivative of the individual's name can be pre-registered, excluding permitted additions,
- Permitted additions will be i) hyphens, and ii) variations of the name "Sint Maarten" (see Note 1).
- No Domain Name of less than 5 letters can be registered..

4. Examples

Note 1: Permitted variations of Sint Maarten are: SXM, StMartin, StMaarten, SaintMartin, SintMaarten.

Note 2: Great Bay Hotel cannot be reduced to "Hotel.sx" or Maho Beach Hotel cannot be reduced to "Beach.sx", but could be reduced to "Maho.sx".

Note 3: Philipsburg Hotel cannot be reduced to simply "Philipsburg.sx" or "Hotel.sx".

Note 4: "Richard C. Smith Group" can become "RCSGroup.sx" or "RCSG.sx".

Note 5: Robert Smith could register any of the following: "RobertSmith.sx", "RobertS.sx", "RSmith.sx", "Robert.sx" or "Smith.sx".