



Application Process for Single and Two Character .Coop Domain Names

dotCoop is pleased to be able to offer single and two character domain names for registration by eligible organizations at the standard fee through .coop accredited registrars. These very special domains have previously not been available for registration because of contract restrictions and technical concerns which have now been addressed for .coop users.

Applications will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Expressions of Interest

Because there are a limited number of these domains, dotCoop will require that those interested in registering any single or two character domain 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 would be actively used; an activation schedule should be included with the EOI;
- previous use or identification with the name being requested including registered trademarks in use by the cooperative (although previous use is not required);
- 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 consulting cooperative leaders 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 (http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists/english_country_names_and_code_elements.htm). The registration of the codes actually in use is still restricted. However dotCoop will work with the authorizing agency and the potential registrant to allow use of these codes as well. It is anticipated that only recognized apex organizations in those countries would be able to gain agreement with the controlling agency to use these 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. It is possible that not all .coop registrars will be able to support the registration of these domains. DotCoop will provide a list of registrars that can support these registrations upon request or registrants can check with any .coop registrar.

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 following. 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 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 co-op or their registrar.

Questions and Submissions

Please direct any additional questions or your Expressions of Interest to DotCooperation LLC at support@nic.coop or via telephone at +1-202-383-5453.

Expression of Interest (EOI) Statement for .Coop One- or Two-Character .coop Domain

Proposed domain name: _____ .coop

Registrant Organisation:

Contact name:

Contact details:

Address:

Web URL:

Email:

Telephone:

Co-op Organization Membership/Participation? (Please note any regional, national or international organizations that your organization belongs to or is affiliated with.)

Describe how you plan to use the domain?

Will this be used solely by your organization or will it include information from others in your sector or organization? Provide details, if appropriate.

When will you start using the domain for 1) email or 2) web site?

**Identify previous use of or identification with the proposed domain name?
Is the name trademarked by your organization?**

Approved for Registration:

Carolyn T. Hoover
dotCoop CEO

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)