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## DotCooperation LLC .Coop Third-Level Domain Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to identify the ability of eligible cooperatives to use third-level domains within the .coop TLD.

### Scope

This policy applies to all eligible organizations as defined in the [.coop Charter](#) and to their selected registrars.

### Policy

a. Third-and-higher-level domain names within a registered second level domain may only be used internally by the registrant of the second level domain absent a written license from Sponsor.

b. Second level domain registrants may submit a proposal to dotCoop to allow the maintenance of third-level domains for the use of eligible cooperatives. The following restrictions will apply for the use of third-level domains by organizations other than the second-level registrant and must be included in the proposal for third-level domain usage:

- Users must be members of the second level registrant organization;
- Users must be independently eligible for .coop domains based on the .coop Charter;

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- The second level registrant will be assessed a fee by dotCoop for verification of eligibility of each of these third level domain users;
- The second level registrant will be responsible for maintenance of DNS information for each third-level domain;
- Each third-level domain user must agree to the terms of the agreement of the registrar of the second-level domain which includes the terms of the current .coop Registration Agreement.

DotCoop will evaluate Third-Level Domain proposals as quickly as possible. All decisions concerning acceptance or rejection of a Third-Level Domain proposal are at the discretion of dotCoop.

If a proposal is accepted, dotCoop will then enter into specific negotiations with the proposing cooperative to define all aspects of the implementation associated with supporting the proposed Third-Level Domain resulting in a mutually agreeable contract.



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