

# **Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy**

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# 1 Definitions

In this policy:

**Central Registry Organisation** means the organisation designated by the Pontificium Consilium de Communicationibus Socialibus responsible for the operation of the Catholic TLDs.

**Challenge** means a dispute related to a domain name registered in the TLD, brought about on the grounds for dispute described in this policy.

**Complainant** means a third party seeking to challenge the registration of a domain name on the grounds described in this policy.

**ICANN** means the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, its successors and assigns.

**Published Policies** collectively means:

- those specifications and policies established and published from time to time by us or any of our designated representatives; and
- any ICANN Temporary Specifications or Policies and Consensus Policies or any Rights Protection Mechanisms and associated rules, policies, requirements and procedures (as defined in our agreement with ICANN).

**Registrant** means a natural or legal person, company or organisation in whose name a domain name is Allocated in the TLD.

**Registration Restrictions** means the restrictions on the registration of domain names in the TLD as described in our agreement with ICANN and any other Published Policies.

**Respondent** means the Registrant of a domain name against which a Challenge is initiated.

**TLD** means Top Level Domain and for the purpose of this policy shall mean any one of the TLDs operated by us:

- .catholic;
- 天主教.:
- كاتوليك. or
- .католик

**We, us** and **our** means the Central Registry Organisation or our designated representatives.

**You** and **your** means the person or entity accessing the Service.

## 2 About this document

This document describes our policy regarding the resolution of disputes concerning compliance with the Registration Policy.

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### 3 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the mechanism by which we enforce Registration Restrictions for the TLD. This policy establishes the procedure for resolving disputes concerning compliance with those restrictions.

We have developed this policy with reference to applicable industry standards, ICANN mandated requirements, and to meet our operational requirements for the TLD.

## 4 Policy Statement

### 4.1 Applicable Disputes

Registration of domain names in the TLD are restricted to the CRO. This policy applies to any Challenge concerning non-compliance with any Published Policy or failure to comply with the Registration Restrictions.

#### Ground 1 – Eligibility

A Challenge on this ground is required to demonstrate that a registered domain name in the TLD does not, or did not, meet the eligibility requirements for registering a domain name in the TLD.

#### Ground 2 – Policy Compliance

A Challenge on this ground is required to demonstrate that a registered domain name in the TLD, or its subsequent use, is not compliant with the Published Policies.

### 4.2 Procedure

Challenges to which this policy applies will be determined by us in our absolute discretion.

To make a Challenge under this policy, the Complainant must complete the Domain Name Dispute Form and submit the form and all requested information to us.

We will investigate the claims made by the Complainant and may notify the Respondent of the dispute. If we require the Respondent to respond to the complaint, the Registrant will have 14 days to respond.

The determination of the dispute will be made by us, and is final. We are not required to provide either party with commentary on, or justification of, our decision. Upon making a determination, we will promptly notify all parties of the outcome of the dispute.

### 4.3 Remedies

Where we determine that a registered domain name in the TLD, or its subsequent use:

- does not meet eligibility requirements;
- does not comply with Registration Restrictions; or
- is non-compliant with published policies;

we may in our absolute discretion cancel, lock, place on hold, transfer or delete the domain name.

## 5 Definition and Review

This document has been prepared and published to represent our policy regarding the administrative and technical management of the TLD.

All domain names in the TLD are subject to the Published Policies. It is your responsibility to ensure that you read and understand these policies as they apply to you. We may discontinue or amend any part or the whole of this policy from time to time at our absolute discretion.

Further policy and procedure in relation to the TLD can be found at the following link:

<http://nic.catholic/>.



