

LEGAL ALERT

NEW .PT REGISTRATION RULES

Associação DNS.PT (hereinafter “DNS Association”), a private not-for-profit association, whose members include Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia [Science and Technology Foundation], Associação da Economia Digital [Digital Economy Association] and Associação Portuguesa para a Defesa do Consumidor [Portuguese Consumer Protection Association], has released the new rules for the registration of domain names under the Portuguese top-level domain: .PT.

The document is the result of work by the DNS Association, its partners, stakeholders and, additionally, the comments and responses obtained through **public consultation that took place between 22 May and 5 June 2020**.

The new rules are compiled into eight chapters and came into force on 2 February 2021.

We would like to draw attention to the following changes:

1. The expansion of the list of domain names admissible for registration;
2. The removal of the Second Level Domains (SLD) edu.pt and .org.pt. However, registrations existing up to 1 February 2021 under .edu.pt and .org.pt remain in force and can be renewed;
3. The DNS Association is no longer required to inform the entity managing the domain name when that domain name is about to reach its expiry date;
4. The requirement to disclose data relating to legal persons through the WHOIS tool;
5. Transferring ownership of a domain name that may have expired is rendered impossible, and it is also not possible to transfer the domain name by any means other than online;
6. In arbitration proceedings, an applicant that demonstrates a reasonable fear that another party may cause serious harm to their right that is difficult to remedy is now able to petition the court for the temporary suspension of the disputed domain name by means of a preliminary injunction.

The .PT Domain Registration Rules can be found [here](#).

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