

*.lancaster TLD*  
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## Introduction

This Registration Policy sets forth the terms and conditions which govern the registration of domain names under the .lancaster TLD. In this Registration Policy:

"Registry Operator", "Registry", "We", "Us" and "Our" refer to the Lancaster Company, as the body responsible for operating the .lancaster Top Level Domain.

"Registry-Holder" and "Holder" also refer to the Lancaster Company but as the exclusive holder of the domain names under the .lancaster TLD.

"ICANN" means the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

"Registry Agreement": refers to the contract signed by the Registry and ICANN on February 12, 2015, and available at <https://www.icann.org/resources/agreement/lancaster-2015-02-12-en>

"Domain name": refers to a character string registered in the .lancaster top-level domain.

"TLD" means Top Level Domain and refers to that for .lancaster.

The "Trademark Clearinghouse" or "TMCH" is a rights protection mechanism built by ICANN, consisting of a centralized database of verified trademarks, that is connected to each and every new gTLD that is launched and which provides the services described on <http://trademark-clearinghouse.com>.

The "Trademark Claims" period means a period during which any application to register a domain name corresponding to a trademark registered in the TMCH triggers a notification for the holder of that trademark.

The "Sunrise" period refers to a priority registration phase reserved for the owners of trademarks registered in the TMCH. This phase takes place before the general availability of a new TLD.

# 1. Presentation of the .lancaster TLD

The Lancaster Company specializes in the design and production of leather goods. Its brand is a standard for excellence in French leather goods and affordable luxury goods.

The .lancaster TLD is dedicated to the Lancaster Company, its brands, products and services.

We operate our TLD as the Registry-Holder, the only authority eligible to register a domain name under the .lancaster TLD.

As such, no domain name under the .lancaster TLD may be sold, transferred or used by third parties.

In applying to register, retain or renew a domain name under the .lancaster TLD, we are bound by:

- 1- This Registration Policy, and
- 2- Any other policies mandated by ICANN and regularly updated by the latter.

## 2. Registering a domain name under the .lancaster TLD

### *2.1 Absence of Sunrise period*

In accordance with the provisions of Specification 13 of the Registry Agreement, the Registry operator is exempt from certain rules imposed by ICANN and as such will not implement a Sunrise period during the launch of the .lancaster TLD.

### *2.2 "Trademark Claims" period*

As of the general availability of the .lancaster TLD, a period of ninety (90) days of "Trademark Claims" will apply to all the registrations of domain names under the .lancaster TLD.

### *2.3 Eligibility conditions*

The Registry operates its TLD as the Registry-Holder, the only authority eligible to register a domain name under the .lancaster TLD.

It is therefore not possible for third parties, individuals or legal entities to register a domain name under the .lancaster TLD.

## *2.4 Syntactic rules*

A domain name under the .lancaster TLD must respect the syntactic standards defined by ICANN and the Registry Operator.

A domain name under the .lancaster TLD comprises a minimum of one (1) character and a maximum of sixty-three (63) characters.

## *2.5 The period of registration of a domain name*

A domain name under the .lancaster TLD can be registered for a period ranging from 1 to 10 years.

# Fraud and abuse management

The Registry Operator has provided the public with a single point of contact in the form of an email address on its website ([www.nic.lancaster](http://www.nic.lancaster)) to allow anyone to report fraudulent or abusive use of a domain name registered under the .lancaster TLD.

# Dispute resolution

We undertake to implement all the decisions handed down within the framework of the following dispute resolution procedures:

- 1- The Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy ("UDRP") adopted by ICANN, which can be found at <http://www.icann.org/en/help/dndr/udrp/policy> and is incorporated into this Registration Policy by reference. Any third-party challenge to the registration of a domain name under the .lancaster TLD following UDRP proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the rules available at <http://www.icann.org/en/dndr/udrp/uniform-rules.htm>, and with the service provider's supplementary rules for the resolution of administrative disputes; and
- 2- The Uniform Rapid Suspension ("URS") Policy and URS Procedure adopted by ICANN, which can be found at <http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/urs>, as well as to any other dispute policies that may be mandated by ICANN.

## 5. Policy modifications

We reserve the right to modify this Registration Policy at any time.

This document is available on our website at the address [www.nic.lancaster](http://www.nic.lancaster).

## 6. Miscellaneous

### *6.1 Governing law and jurisdiction*

This Registration Policy is governed by French law.

Any complaints that may arise from the interpretation or execution of this Policy shall be resolved by the competent authorities of the Courts of Paris.

### *6.2 Language*

This Registration Policy was drafted in French and English.

In the event of any difficulty in interpreting the terms of this Policy, only the French version shall prevail between the parties.