



.CA Canadian Presence Requirements: Understanding Legal Types for Registrants

A business, organization or person wishing to register a .CA domain name must meet the Canadian Presence Requirements and select a Legal Type. A Legal Type is a category that a Registrant must fall into in order to meet the Canadian Presence Requirements. Below are the Legal Types for a Registrant that has an individual account and for a Registrant that has a business or organization account. Registrants with a business or organization account may not select from the categories listed for an individual account and visa versa.

For individual account:

1. **Canadian Citizen:** A Canadian citizen of the age of majority under the laws of the province or territory in Canada in which he or she resides or last resided.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the full legal name of the Canadian Citizen who will hold the domain name registration as the name would appear on a passport, driver's license or other identification document issued by a government.

The name may be followed by a space and "o/a xxxx" where "o/a" stands for "Operating As" and "xxxx" can be any alpha-numeric string designated by the applicant and subject to applicable rules and length restrictions (e.g. "John Doe o/a Doe Consulting Group"). The name may also be followed by a space and a degree granted to the Registrant by a recognized degree granting institution or a recognized professional designation which the Registrant has the right to use (i.e. PhD, MD, and DDS.)

Full legal names of individuals may only consist of alphabetic characters and the special characters: single quote mark ('), hyphen (-), period (.).

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Citizen'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
John Smith	John
Fred-Albert Doon PhD	J. Doe
Bernard St-James o/a St-James Services	None
Kathy Lynn Perse	Personal
	(blank)
	Cool Gal
	Domain Administrator
	St-James Services
	Acme Sales Inc.

2. **Canadian Permanent Resident**: A permanent resident as defined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)* S.C. 2001, c.27, as amended from time to time, who is "ordinarily resident" (as defined below) in Canada and of the age of majority under the laws of the province or territory in Canada in which he or she resides or last resided. "Ordinarily resident in Canada" means an individual who resides in Canada for more than 183 days in the twelve month period immediately preceding the date of the applicable request for registration of the .ca domain name or sub-domain name and in each twelve month period thereafter for the duration of the domain name registration.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the full legal name of the Permanent Resident who will hold the domain name registration as the name would appear on a driver's license or other identification document issued by a government.

The full legal name may be followed by a space and "o/a xxxx" where "o/a" stands for "Operating As" and "xxxx" can be any alpha-numeric string designated by the applicant and subject to applicable rules and length restrictions (e.g. "John Doe o/a Doe Consulting Group"). The name may also be followed by a space and a degree granted to the Registrant by a recognized degree granting institution or a recognized professional designation which the Registrant has the right to use (i.e. PhD, MD, and DDS.)

Full legal names of individuals may only consist of alphabetic characters and the special characters: single quote mark ('), hyphen (-), period (.).

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Permanent Resident'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
John Smith	John
Fred-Albert Doon DDS	J. Doe
Bernard St-James o/a St-James Services	F.A.D
Kathy Lynn Perse	Cool Gal
	St-James Services
	Acme Sales Inc.

3. **Aboriginal Peoples (Individuals and Groups) Indigenous to Canada**: Any individual or group belonging to any Inuit, First Nation, Métis or other people indigenous to Canada.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the full legal name of the Aboriginal Person applying for the Registration as it would appear on a driver's license or other identification document issued by government.

The Registrant may enter its full legal name followed by a space and "o/a xxxx" where "o/a" stands for "Operating As" and "xxxx" can be any alpha-numeric string designated by the applicant and subject to applicable rules and length restrictions (e.g. "John Doe o/a Doe Consulting Group"). The name may also be followed by a space and a degree granted to the Registrant by a recognized degree granting institution or a recognized professional designation which the Registrant has the right to use (i.e. PhD, MD, and DDS.)

Full legal names of individuals may only consist of alphabetic characters and the special characters: single quote mark ('), hyphen (-), period (.).

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Aboriginal Peoples Indigenous to Canada'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
John Smith	John
Fred-Albert Doon DDS	None
Bernard St-James o/a St-James Services	Personal
	(blank)
	Domain Administrator
	St-James Services Inc.

4. **Legal Representative of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident**: An executor, administrator or other legal representative of a Person listed as a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada.

Note: This legal type is only available to a person or entity that has been appointed by legal process to represent an individual who is not competent to represent him or herself. It is not available to anyone who represents a Canadian or foreign corporation in any capacity.

Registrant name format requirements:

The Registrant's name must be the full legal name of the Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada who is being represented as it would appear on a passport, driver's license or other government identification document. This must be followed by the full legal name and capacity of at least one of the official representatives.

Full legal names of individuals may only consist of alphabetic characters and the special characters: single quote mark ('), hyphen (-), period (.).

Caution: The representative should be identified as the Administrative Contact for these registrations.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Legal Representative of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
John Smith (Jayne Smith, executor)	Sales Are Us Inc.
	Arlenza SP
	Shingle LLP

5. **Her Majesty the Queen**: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and her successors.

Registrant name format requirements:

The Registrant's name must be that of Her Majesty the Queen or, after a succession, the name of her successor.

For business or organization account:

1. **Canadian Corporation (Canada or Canadian province or territory):** A corporation under the laws of Canada or any province or territory of Canada, Charities, Cooperative, Council.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant name must be the full legal name of the corporation and must be followed by the jurisdiction of incorporation (i.e. Canada, Ontario, NWT...), unless it is obvious from the corporation's name. Canadian Internet Registration Authority (Canada)

For Charities - the NFP should be included in the organization name - if it is a not-for-profit organization - you are also required to submit the registration number (i.e. 123456789 RR0001)

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Corporation'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
The Foundation of Rosa (NFP)	Smiths
La foundation de Edward (OSBL)	Smiths Consulting
123745 Canada Inc.	Smiths Kennel
Smith Corp. of Ontario	Leatra SP
Smith Ltée. Canada	Smiths Corp.

2. **Trust Established in Canada:** A trust established and subsisting under the laws of a province or territory of Canada, more than 66 2/3% of whose trustees meet the requirements of one of the following Registrant Types: Corporation (Canada or Canadian province or territory), Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident of Canada, or a Legal Representative of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the trust, without any abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the official name in parentheses.) The Registrant name must also indicate the total percentage of the trustees that meet one or more of the following requirements: Canadian Citizen, Canadian Permanent Resident, Canadian Corporation, Legal Representative.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Trust Established in Canada'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Marie Daigle Trust – (100%)	John Doe
Arbeit Trust – (70%)	Sales Are Us Inc.
	Arbeit Trust (10%)

3. **Partnership Registered in Canada:** A partnership, more than 66 2/3% of whose partners meet the requirements of one of the following Registrant Types: Corporation (Canada or Canadian province or territory), Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident of Canada, Trust Established in Canada or a Legal Representative of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, which is registered as a partnership under the laws of any province or territory of Canada.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the registered name of the partnership that will hold the domain name registration. The Registrant name must be followed by the jurisdiction of registration (i.e. Alberta) and the registration number.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Partnership Registered in Canada'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
John Doe, LLP (Ontario)	Mybusiness Inc.
Xenon Partnership (Ontario)	Fred Smith
Doucett, Entwistle and Theedom LLP (Ontario)	John Doe Partnership
John Doe Partnership, British Columbia	
Rosa, Edward, Kelly, Partnership-Ottawa	

4. **Canadian Unincorporated Association:** This legal type is principally intended for religious congregations, social and sports clubs and community groups, council (not registered) or society (not registered) which are based and operating in Canada.

An unincorporated organization, association or club:

- I. At least 80% of whose members: (A) are ordinarily resident in Canada (if such members are individuals); or (B) meet the requirements of any one of the following Registrant Types: Corporation (Canada or Canadian province or territory), Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident of Canada, Partnership Registered in Canada, Trust Established in Canada, Legal Representative of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- II. At least 80% of whose directors, officers, employees, managers, administrators or other representatives are ordinarily resident in Canada.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete name of the association that will hold the domain name registration, without any abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the complete name in parentheses).

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Unincorporated Association'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
St-Alban's Reformed Church of Victoria	ACDEN
Archdiocese of Montréal	St-Patrick's
Sun Youth Montréal	Dartmouth Soccer Club Limited
Citizens for the Protection of the Red River	John Doe
Toronto Junior Soccer Association	

5. **Canadian Trade Union:** A trade union which is recognized by a labor board under the laws of Canada or any province or territory of Canada and which has its head office in Canada.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the trade union that will hold the domain name registration, without abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the official name in parentheses.) The Registrant name must be followed by the jurisdiction in Canada which recognizes it (if it is not obvious from the Registrant's name.)

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Trade Union'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN) - Québec	ZZCEUL local 237
Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW)	Jean Smith
	Sales Are Us Inc.

6. **Canadian Political Party:** A political party registered under a relevant electoral law of Canada or any province or territory of Canada.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the political party holding the domain name registration, without abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the official name in parentheses.) The Registrant name must also be followed by the jurisdiction in Canada in which it is registered (if it is not obvious from the official name).

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Political Party'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Progressive Conservative Party of Canada (PC)	John Doe
Union Nationale du Québec	Sales Are Us Inc.
Reform Party - Alberta	Liberal Party
	ACCULD – Ontario
	National Liberation Front of Mexico

7. **Canadian Educational Institution:**

- I. A university or college which is located in Canada and which is authorized or recognized as a university or college under an Act of the legislature of a province or territory of Canada; or
- II. A college, post-secondary school, vocational school, secondary school, pre-school or other school or educational institution which is located in Canada and which is recognized by the educational authorities of a province or territory of Canada or licensed under or maintained by an Act of Parliament of Canada or of the legislature of a province or territory of Canada

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the institution that will hold the domain name registration, without any abbreviations. A common abbreviation may follow the official name in parentheses. The Registrant name must be followed by the jurisdiction (e.g. name of province, municipality) in which the institution is accredited if not obvious from the Registrant's name.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Educational Institution'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
L'école de la ville (Ottawa)	Sandhill Secondary School
University of British Columbia (UBC)	Sales Are Us Inc.
St-John's Middle School of Ottawa	UBC Student Association
Advanced Languages Institute of Ontario (ALI) (Ontario)	Professional Association of Teaching Professionals of UdeM
	Joe Smith

8. Canadian Library, Archive or Museum: An institution, whether or not incorporated, that:

- I. is located in Canada; and
- II. is not established or conducted for profit or does not form part of, or is not administered or directly or indirectly controlled by, a body that is established or conducted for profit in which is held and maintained a collection of documents and other materials that is open to the public or to researchers

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete legal name of the institution which will hold the domain name registration without abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the complete name in parentheses.)

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Library, Archive or Museum'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Royal Ontario Museum	John Doe
Musé des Beaux Arts de Montréal	Sales Are Us Inc.
	My site
	Domain Administrator
	Biggs Bargain Books

9. Canadian Hospital: A hospital which is located in Canada and which is licensed, authorized or approved to operate as a hospital under an Act of the legislature of a province or territory of Canada.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the hospital that will hold the domain name registration, without any abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the complete name in parentheses.) The Registrant's name must be followed by the jurisdiction (i.e. name of province) which accredited the hospital if not obvious from the Registrant's name.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Canadian Hospital'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Royal Victoria Hospital – Québec	The dog hospital
Sick Children's Hospital of Ontario	The cat veterinary
Veteran's Hospital Canada, Pointe Claire	Dr. John Doe
Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO)	Jane Doe
	John Doe Inc.
	SHUL
	Nurses Union Local 1455 NHCWA
	Manitoba Doctors Against Drugs (MDAD)

10. **Indian Band Recognized by the Indian Act of Canada:** Any Indian band as defined in the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, as amended from time to time, and any group of Indian bands.

Registrant name format requirements

The name of Registrant must be the Indian Band Name as registered with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Canada.

Note: To verify the status or existence of an Indian Band, visit:

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/> or contact them directly by telephone at 888-399-0111. The website is not authoritative.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Indian Band Recognized by the Indian Act of Canada'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Lac la Ronge Indian Band	Mohawk Motors
	Sioux Sales Inc.
	Sales Are Us Inc.
	John Smith

11. **Government or Government Entity in Canada:** Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, a province or a territory; an agent of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, of a province or of a territory; a federal, provincial or territorial Crown corporation, government agency or government entity; or a regional, municipal or local area government.

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the entity that will hold the domain name registration, without any abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the official name in parentheses). If the Registrant is not a government, the Registrant's name must be followed by the name of the jurisdiction (i.e. Canada, province, territory, municipality, etc) to which the Registrant is related.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Government or Government Entity in Canada'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Government of Alberta	Toronto Sales Are Us Inc.
Export Development Corporation (EDC) (Canada)	DCIOPEI
Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario (DCIO)	John Doe
City of Toronto	

12. **Holder of Trademark Registered in Canada by non-Canadian Owner:** A Person which does not fall under any other legal type, but which is the owner of a trademark which is the subject of a registration under the *Trade-marks Act* (Canada) R.S.C. 1985, c.T-13 as amended from time to time, but in this case such permission is limited to a request to register a .ca domain name consisting of or including the exact word component of that registered trademark.

Note: This legal type is only intended for Registrants which do not meet the requirements associated with any other legal type but which have a trademark registered in Canada. (Trademarks subject of trademark applications and trademarks registered in other jurisdictions, such as the United States, do not qualify.) The domain name to be registered

must include the trademark. (i.e. If the trademark is AVEA this type of Registrant can register avea.ca or aveaisus.ca but not xyz.ca.)

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete legal name of the trademark owner (not the trademark agent) holding the domain name registration without any abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the complete name in parentheses.) The applicant must also insert the Canadian registration number of the trademark following the Registrant name.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Trademark Registered in Canada by non-Canadian Owner'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
Arcuros SPA – TMA1762466	Arcuros SPA

13. **Holder of Official Marks Registered in Canada:** A Person which does not meet the requirements for any other legal type, but which is a Person intended to be protected by Subsection 9(1) of the *Trade-marks Act* (Canada) at whose request the Registrar of trademarks has published notice of adoption of any badge, crest, emblem, official mark or other mark pursuant to Subsection 9(1), but in this case such permission is limited to a request to register a .ca domain name consisting of or including the exact word component of such badge, crest, emblem, official mark or other mark in respect of which such Person requested publications.

Note: This legal type is only intended for Registrants which do not meet the requirements associated with any other legal type but which have an Official Mark registered in Canada. The domain name must include the official mark (i.e. if the official mark is WIPO, the Registrant can register wipo.ca but not intellectual-property.ca.)

Registrant name format requirements

The Registrant's name must be the complete official name of the entity holding the domain name registration without any abbreviations. (A common abbreviation may follow the complete name in parentheses.) The registration number of the official mark must follow the Registrant Name.

Examples of valid and invalid Registrant names for the legal type 'Official Marks Registered in Canada'	
Valid Registrant name	Invalid Registrant name
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - 0970388	John Doe Inc.
	Arcuros SPA