

Policies for Managing Reserved Domain Names and Categories

To minimize confusion and dispute, some words have been reserved and cannot be registered. The reserved words and categories should be published on the HKIRC website.

a) Adding and changing reserved domain categories

HKIRC will consult the CAP when the Company proposes to add a new reserved domain name category or change the definition of a reserved domain name category.

b) Adding or deleting words in a reserved domain category

Proposals to add or delete reserved words in a reserved domain name category should be made to the Executive Committee (Exco) or the Board for approval.

If a proposed word to be added is already registered by someone, the existing registration will remain in force until the name is not renewed. When the current domain holder does not renew the registration, the name will not be made available for registration again.

When a proposal to release words from a reserved domain name category has been approved, Management shall propose to the Exco or Board the procedure to release the words for registration by the public. Suitable attention should be given to fairness when awarding the newly released names to different parties.

c) Handling of requests for registering a reserved domain

Management should assess these requests objectively. If there are reasonable justifications, Management should make a proposal to the Exco/Board to release the reserved word or reserved category.