

# Module 5: Special Domains: Government, Education, and More

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# 5.1 Government Domains

- Government domains are reserved for use by official government bodies and agencies. These domains typically signify a higher level of trust and are used exclusively for government services and communication.
- **Examples:**
  - .gov.ng (Nigeria)
  - .go.ke (Kenya)
  - .gov.uk (United Kingdom)

# 5.1 Government Domains

## **Registration Requirements and Usage Rules:**

- **Eligibility:** Only recognized government entities can register these domains. For example, a .gov.ng domain can only be registered by a verified Nigerian government organization.
- In Kenya, a .go.ke domain can only be registered by the ICT Authority.
- **Usage Rules:** Government domains must be used strictly for official purposes, such as government websites, email communications, and public services.

## 5.2 Education Domains

- Education domains are reserved for academic institutions ranging from primary schools to universities. These domains are used to signify the educational nature of the website and can provide credibility for institutions.
- **Examples:**
  - .edu.ng (Nigeria) - Higher institutions
  - .sch.ng (Nigeria) - Lower Institutions.
  - .ac.ke (Kenya) - Higher institutions
  - .sc.ke (Kenya) - Lower Institutions

## 5.2 Education Domains

- **Eligibility Criteria and Application Process:**
  - 1. Eligibility:** These domains are typically reserved for accredited educational institutions such as schools, universities, and educational NGOs. For example, only recognized educational institutions can apply for a .edu.ng or .ac.ke domain.
  - 2. Application Process:** Applicants must provide documentation proving their status as an educational institution, such as accreditation certificates or letters from relevant authorities.

## 5.2 Education Domains

- **For Kenyan domains, the registrant must provide either:**
  1. A certificate of registration from the ministry of education.
  2. A Letter of No Objection. Only if the registrant does not have the certificate and are most likely in the process of registering the school. In this case, they are provided a letter of no objection thus this can be used to verify so that the domain can be registered.

The documents are to be forwarded to kenic via ***support@kenic.or.ke***

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- **For Nigerian domains, the registrant must:**
  1. Provide a certificate of registration from the relevant authorities.
  2. Write a letter to COO of Nira requesting for the approval of the domain name in question.

The documents are to be forwarded to Nira via ***tech\_support@nira.org.ng***

# 5.2 Education Domains

- For Nigerian domains, see sample letter head.

## Letterhead of the Institution

[Date]

To

Nigeria Internet Registration Association,

8, Funsho Williams Avenue, Iponri, Surulere,

Lagos, Nigeria.

Subject: Application for .edu.ng domain registration

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our institute, [Your institute Name] approved by [name of accredited organization] for [education level] has adopted the domain name [your\_domain\_name].

We will be very grateful if the [domain name] could be register by us. We authorize our member of staff whose details appear below to register the domain and manage it on our behalf:

full name

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- For Nigerian domains, see sample letter head.

designation

phone number,

contact address

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We attached hereby our Registration certificate and Accreditation document.

We shall be very thankful to you for this.

Your faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name of the Authorized Signatory]

[Post of the Signatory]

## 5.3 Other Special Names in a domain

- **At Truehost:**
- Certain domains like bank, logistics, trading, or crypto-related domains may require documentation as a way to prevent abuse or fraud.
- These domains are subject to additional scrutiny and, if they violate the Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP), they may be suspended.

**Use Cases and Registration Restrictions:**

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- **Use Cases:** These domains are often used by organizations with a specific purpose, such as banking services, logistics companies.. Their usage is restricted to ensure compliance with industry regulations or community guidelines.
- **Registration Restrictions:** These domains require proof of identity, business registration, or other documentation to verify the legitimacy of the applicant. Failure to provide the necessary documentation or a violation of usage rules can lead to suspension.

End

**End of Module 5.**