

*Opening of domain
names with 1 & 2
characters in the .fr
TLD*

Registration Rules

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I. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish the registration rules for *.fr* domain names consisting of one and two alphanumeric characters.

It describes the various phases of the opening of those domain names to registration.

The table below shows the order of these opening phases.

Phase	Schedule	Description
Sunrise	From 8 December 2014, 15:00 UTC+1, to 9 February 2015, 23:59 UTC+1	Phase during which rights holders may apply for the registration of domain name(s) with 1 & 2 characters.
Landrush	From 16 February 2015, 15:00 UTC+1, to 17 March 2015, 14:59 UTC+1	Period during which any interested party may apply for the registration of a domain name with 1 & 2 characters, provided it was not already registered during the Sunrise phase. During this phase, Afnic applies decreasing prices every week for one month.
General availability	17 March 2015, 15:00+1 UTC	Starting from this date, any person may register domain names with 1 & 2 characters that were not registered during the Sunrise and Landrush.

II. General provisions

1. Domain names available for registration

Domain names that are open for registration include those consisting of one and two numeric and/or alphabetic characters in the *.fr* TLD, that use the following ASCII and IDN alphanumeric characters:

a, à, á, â, ã, ä, å, æ, b, c, ç, d, e, è, é, ê, ë, f, g, h, i, ì, í, î, ï, j, k, l, m, n, ñ, o, ò, ó, ô, õ, ö, oe, p, q, r, s, t, u, ù, ú, û, ü, v, w, x, y, ý, ÿ, z, ß, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, excluding the following character: - (minus sign).

2. Domain names unavailable for registration

Domain names consisting of the following national country codes (and their IDN versions) are excluded from registration: "fr.fr", "re.fr", "pm.fr", "yt.fr", "tf.fr", "wf.fr", "nc.fr", "pf.fr", "mf.fr", "bl.fr", "gp.fr", "mq.fr", "gf.fr".

The "co.fr" domain name is also excluded, as well as terms that have already been registered: "tm.fr" and "nh.fr".

3. General domain name allocation rules

The first come, first served principle applies to all phases.

Applicants must comply with the Naming Policy of the *.fr* TLD and with all applicable Registry policies at the time of the opening, including:

- eligibility rules for the *.fr* TLD,
- rules for registering terms which are subject to prior review.

The prices shown for each opening phase are in EUROS and do not include VAT.

III. How the various phases work

A. Sunrise

1. WHO CAN APPLY

To apply during the Sunrise, applicants must fall within one of the following categories and provide the supporting documents required:

Category of rights	Supporting documents required
French trademarks, Community trademarks, or international trademarks designating France. These trademarks must have been registered before 9 July 2012.	Trademark registration certificate.
French local authorities.	Official document with INSEE identification number.
Companies formed before 9 July 2012.	Company registration certificate (K-bis form).
Surnames of individuals.	National ID Card or Passport.

Every applicant must hold rights to exactly the same name as the domain name that s/he wishes to register.

Examples:

- ✓ Mrs "LE" may apply for "le.fr"
- ✓ Mr "Jean-françois Durand" may not apply for "jf.fr"

Such rights must have been obtained prior to the date Afnic publicly announced the opening of registrations of domain name consisting of 1 & 2 characters, i.e. 9 July 2012.



For businesses, only a trade or business name identical to that of the domain name will be admitted.

For trademarks, only a verbal trademark or the verbal part of a semi-figurative trademark identical to that of the domain name will be admitted.

For semi-figurative trademarks, Afnic only considers the part of the trademark consisting of characters that may be used in a .fr domain name, i.e. the ASCII or IDN alphanumeric characters listed in Article II of these Registration rules.

Examples:

- ✓ The trademarks "G☺R" or "GR☺" may apply for "gr.fr"
- ✓ The trademark "R&D" may apply for "rd.fr"

2. HOW TO APPLY

To apply during the Sunrise, every applicant must contact an Afnic-accredited registrar through which s/he will submit her/his application and the supporting document(s) required.

3. HOW APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED

Afnic reviews applications as and when they arrive.

Applicants then have ten calendar days from the date of receipt of their application to provide proof of their rights by sending scanned copies of their supporting document(s) via their registrar.

After this period, if the application is incomplete, Afnic informs the applicant of any missing details by e-mail. An additional five calendar days will be granted for the applicant to complete her/his application.

After the application has been reviewed by Afnic, it is either accepted (i.e. the domain name is registered) or rejected.

Once the domain name has been registered, Afnic stops reviewing any applications for the domain name in question received after the application that was accepted.

Application fees for each application reviewed by Afnic, whether it is accepted or rejected, are charged to the registrar.



Afnic does not charge any fees for applications that it has not reviewed.

4. *REGISTRATION COSTS*

During this phase, Afnic applies a single price of EUR 200 per domain name. The price is broken down as follows:

- ✓ EUR 195.44 in application fees
- ✓ EUR 4.56 for the domain name.

B. *Landrush*

1. *WHO CAN APPLY*

To apply during this phase, holding rights to a name is not required; the application must simply comply with the eligibility conditions of the .fr TLD.

Domain names with 1 & 2 characters that have not been registered during the Sunrise are available for registration.

2. *REGISTRATION COSTS*

During this phase, Afnic applies decreasing prices every week for one month:

- ✓ EUR 15,000 the first week
- ✓ EUR 10,000 the second week
- ✓ EUR 5,000 the third week
- ✓ EUR 100 the fourth and final week

These prices include the cost of a domain name, i.e. EUR 4.56.

C. *General availability*

During this phase, the standard prices apply without distinction to all domain names that have not yet been registered.

