

.bd Top level domain

Frequently asked questions

1. What is a top level domain?

Top level domain's are the rightmost part of a domain name. For example, com, edu, net, org, gov, mil, int are some of the most commonly used top level domains. Seven more such top level domains are added recently. [[New tlds](#)]

2. Who assign's these top level domains ?

Top level domains are assigned by the "Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers" ([ICANN](#)). It is a non-profit corporation formed to assume responsibility for the IP address space allocation, protocol parameter assignment, domain name system management, and root server system management. Previously this task was assigned to IANA (Internet assigned number authority) . Board of ICANN is composed of nineteen Directors. A part of those directors were selected according to a vote of internet users worldwide.

3. What is a ccTLD (Country code top level domain) ?

A top level domain is assigned for every country in the world. For example .uk, .jp , .bd , .au are the ccTLD of United Kingdom, Japan, Bangladesh and Australia respectively. [[ccTLD list](#)] . A two letter country code specified by the [ISO 3166-1](#) standard is used for this purpose. These codes are used for other purpose also.

4. Who controls the .bd domain?

Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh , is the Administrative authority of .bd ccTLD .

5. How can I register a domain under .bd?

"Application form" and a ".bd registration agreement" should be filled up, signed and sent to The Office of "Divisional Engineer" , Telex and Teleprinter Division, 3rd Floor, Ramna Telephone Bhaban, Dhaka-1000. A "Demand note" will be issued, clearly mentioning the amount to be paid to the "One point service centre"(at the same compound). Paid copy of the demand note should be returned to the same office that issued the demand note.

6. Where can I get the application form?

[Application](#) and [agreement](#) forms can be downloaded or can be collected from The Office of "Divisional Engineer", Telex and Teleprinter Division, 3rd Floor, Ramna Telephone Bhaban, Dhaka-1000.

7. Can I apply online?

No, not for the time being.

8. What are the charges?

Registration fee is 1000/Tk and yearly charge is 1500/Tk. So, for the first year 2500/Tk has to be paid and 1500/Tk for each following years.

9. Are these charges comparable to other Asian countries?

Yes, it is. For example, in India you have to pay 100\$US as application fee and 50\$US as yearly charge to be paid through "Demand draft/Pay Order" only, in Srilanka Application fee is RS-5000/= for two years and Maintenance fee is RS-5000/= for two years, to be "paid in check", in Pakistan registration fee is Rs-100/= per year, in Malaysia Registration fee is RM-100/= per year and Renewal fee is RM-100/= per year. Among these countries, only Pakistan provides on line registration, but to do that a special pre-paid "Domain fee card" has to be used.

10. Can I register a domain directly under .bd?

No, a domain directly under .bd is not allowed. For example "abc.bd" for a certain company "abc" is not allowed. But a domain of the form "abc.com.bd" or "abc.net.bd" is valid.

11. What are the available .bd sub domains?

Presently com, edu, net, gov, org, mil sub domains are available. But "gov" and "mil" sub domains are reserved for "Government" and "Defence" organizations respectively. Registration of domains under such domains should be initiated by appropriate authority.

12. Is there any restriction in domain name selection?

You can select any name other than generic terms, name of professions, services, products, sports etc. as a domain name. For example, "Doctor.", "Lawyer", "Rice", "School" etc. are not acceptable. Any domain name offending our, social practices, culture, religions, respected personalities will not be accepted.

13. Do I get a free IP with domain registration?

No, providing IP is not relevant to domain registration service.

14. What are the information that I must provide in the application form?

Name and IP address of Primary and Secondary "Domain name server", name and address of the "Technical" and "Administrative" contact person of your domain.

15. Why I must provide the name of at least one name server and its IP?

Domain names are held in a distributed database. Your "Domain name server" holds the name and IP address of all the machines in your domain. Whenever any machine in the internet tries to locate a machine in your domain, (that is under .bd domain), the request is first forwarded to .bd name server. The .bd name server then looks up the name of your domain's name server in its database. Then it responds mentioning the name of your "Domain name server" as the ultimate authority to give that information. Your "Domain name server" is then queried about that machine and the IP address is obtained from it.

16. How can I check that the information I provided were entered properly?

Network utility tools like "nslookup" or "dig" can be used for this purpose, making .bd Domain name server "dns.bd" as the default server.

17. How can I change the registered domain related information(DNS name, IP)?

Changes in information should be conveyed in written form to the Data and Internet Division, Mogbazar Telephone Bhaban, Mogbazar, Contact Phone: 880-2-8319825. It should be signed by administrative contact of the domain.

18. Why do I have to mention "Administrative contact" and "Technical contact" ?

It is a general practice to separate two types of activities associated with the control of a domain. "Administrative contact" is the ultimate authority of a domain. "Technical contact" deals with the technical aspects of that domain.

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