

NOMINET UK - RULES FOR THE *.ltd.uk* and *.plc.uk* Second Level Domain

General

1. The rules for the *.ltd.uk* and *.plc.uk* Second Level Domain ("SLD") are incorporated by reference into the Rules for the *.uk* Domain.
2. Within these rules all references to *.ltd.uk* should be taken to include *.plc.uk*.

Scope

3. The *.ltd.uk* and *.plc.uk* domains are intended to allow a unique mapping between company names registered under the Companies Act with Companies House and a DNS name.
4. Unlimited companies registered under the Companies Act, unincorporated bodies, partnerships and bodies incorporated under other legislation are not eligible for an entry in *.ltd.uk* or *.plc.uk*.

Technical Requirements

5. The only characters from a registered company name allowed in a DNS name are a to z inclusive, 0 to 9 inclusive and hyphen. These will be known as the "allowable" set. Nominet will reject any application to register a Domain Name in the *.ltd.uk* SLD which contains characters which are not in the "allowable" set.
6. Certain words will be removed from the registered company name where they occur at the end of the name before the DNS name is generated, these are known as the "reserved" words. They are "limited", "public limited company" and the Welsh Language versions ("cyfyngedig" and "cwmni cyfyngedig cyhoeddus") along with the abbreviations of these words, e.g. ltd, plc, cyf and ccc.
7. Nominet will only register one Domain Name in the *.ltd.uk* SLD per company name registered at Companies House.
8. The Domain Name shall correspond exactly to the name registered at Companies House save for "reserved" words. Where "the" appears as the first word of the name registered at Companies House it may be omitted.
9. Characters not in the "allowable" set which shall be interpreted as follows:
 - 9.1. White space between words shall either be ignored or replaced by a hyphen (-)
 - 9.2. All other characters shall be removed

9.3. Company names written in a non English character set are not allowed in this version.

Applications to register in the *.ltd.uk* SLD

10. An applicant must provide proof of the company's incorporation. The application must state the full name of the company as registered along with the company registration number and the Domain Name applied for.
11. Applications to register Domain Names in the *.ltd.uk* SLD will be processed by Nominet. Nominet will compare the requested Domain Name with the company name and if acceptable shall delegate the Domain Name. Nominet will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the delegation takes place within 3 working days of Nominet's receipt of the application.
12. Nominet reserves the right to check a sample or all of the applications to register Domain Names for accuracy (before or after delegation) and, pending resolution, may suspend the delegation or cancel the registration of a Domain Name registered in the *.ltd.uk* SLD, if in Nominet's opinion the rules for the *.ltd.uk* SLD have been violated.
13. In the event that it is brought to Nominet's attention that a Registrant of a Domain Name registered in the *.ltd.uk* or *.plc.uk* SLD has changed its name, been dissolved or otherwise removed from the register at Companies House, Nominet will forthwith cancel the Domain Name.
14. In the event of a dispute over a Domain Name registered in the *.ltd.uk* SLD the registrant may appeal to Nominet's Council of Management. The decision of the Council of Management shall be final.