

NEW gTLD PROGRAM: 2026 ROUND

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New gTLD Program 2026 Round: TAMS Q&A Webinar

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Introduction and Agenda

Readiness Content Disclaimer

The authoritative source for all information about New gTLD Program: 2026 Round rules, evaluations, restrictions, processes, and systems is the English version of the [New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook](#). All New gTLD Program: 2026 Round readiness and training content is supplementary to the Applicant Guidebook, and has been developed to provide a high-level summary of key topic areas of interest to prospective applicants and the broader ICANN community. In case of discrepancy, the Applicant Guidebook prevails.



Objective

Create greater understanding of the TLD Application Management System (TAMS) to inform prospective applicant preparations to apply.

Agenda

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News and Information

New Learning Resources: TAMS Simulation and Demo Videos

New System Demos

Demo videos provide a **visual walk through** of specific system functionality and processes. New videos published on 29 April:

- **All Applicants:** [TAMS: Invoicing and Payments](#)
- **ASP Approved Applicant:** [Importing an ASP Organization into TAMS](#)

TAMS Simulation

A simulation is a **low-risk, interactive preview** that helps users build confidence before working in a live environment.

Simulation: *coming soon!*

- **Applicants:** can use to prepare users to work in TAMS.
- **ASP Applicants under evaluation:** can prepare for submission of a gTLD application.
- **Community members:** can explore TAMS without needing to clutter up TAMS with incomplete applications.

Resources

Access the complete list of **tools and resources** on the program website at [2026 Round Resources](#).

TAMS: Importing an ASP Organization into TAMS (Demo Video)



TAMS: Invoicing and Payments (Demo video)

The screenshot displays the TAMS (Trademark Administrative Management System) interface. On the left, an email notification is shown with the subject 'January 2026 New gTLD Registration Reminder'. The email body contains instructions for users to ensure their TAMS account information is up-to-date and to verify their invoice numbers. On the right, a sample invoice is displayed, featuring the TAMS logo and the word 'INVOICE' in large letters. The invoice includes a table with columns for 'Description', 'Unit Price', 'Quantity', and 'Amount'. A prominent red callout box is overlaid on the invoice, containing the text: 'Please ensure the invoice number in TAMS matches the invoice number on the invoice you receive via email.'

INVOICE

Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Amount
gTLD Fee	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Subtotal			\$1,000.00
Taxes			\$0.00
Total			\$1,000.00

Please ensure the invoice number in TAMS matches the invoice number on the invoice you receive via email.

TAMS Routine Maintenance Windows

Maintenance Windows

Frequency

- Every two weeks on Wednesdays
- Extended quarterly window dates TBD
- Initial dates: 13-May (extended), 27-May

Standard Bi-weekly Maintenance:

- 15:00 - 17:00 UTC

Quarterly Extended Maintenance:

- 15:00 - 19:00 UTC

User Impacts

Login Disabled

- Users will be unable to log in to TAMS during the maintenance window

Automatic Logout

- All active TAMS users will be automatically logged out at the start time

A reminder will be displayed in TAMS during the 24 hours prior to scheduled maintenance windows

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Pre-Submitted Questions and Answers

Pre-Submitted Question #1

Question:

Will the sequence of questions in TAMS follow the Application Question Flow of the AGB?

Response #1

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Response:

Questions applicable to the organization record have to be answered before proceeding to the application questions. Users are then prompted by TAMS to address application questions in the flow found on page 249 of the Applicant Guidebook (AGB).

Pre-Submitted Question #2

Question:

This morning (*in 21-April Q&A webinar*) it was reported that if proper audited financial documents were not uploaded for Question 208 "the application will not proceed". Are you saying the application will be failed without opportunity for Financial Extended Evaluation? If so, when will this non-appealable rejection take place?

Question 208: *For either the applying entity or a Qualified Parent Entity (QPE) of the applying entity, provide: a) the applying entity's complete audited financial statements for the most recently closed fiscal year and, if available, b) financial statements for the most recently ended interim financial period for the applying entity or a Qualified Parent Entity (QPE) of the applying entity. Where audited statements cannot be provided, provide either the applying entity's reviewed or compiled financial statements for the most recently closed fiscal year or interim period. All financial statements must be prepared by a third-party accounting firm. QPE statements must be audited.*

Response #2

Question:

This morning (*in 21-April Q&A webinar*) it was reported that if proper audited financial documents were not uploaded for Question 208 "the application will not proceed". Are you

Response:

We require audited financial statements be uploaded, or in the case where audited statements cannot be provided, either reviewed or compiled financial statements for the most recently closed fiscal year or interim period. If the proper documents are not uploaded, applicants may be issued clarifying questions. Applicants that are unable to resolve issues through clarifying questions may request Financial Extended Evaluation.

Pre-Submitted Question #3

Question:

Q201 (RO 3yrs forecast) is there a template available for this?

Question 201: Provide a document containing a list of all of the applying entity's applied-for strings plus a forecast for each string of the number of Domains Under Management (DUMs) for Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 beginning after delegation.

No

Response #3

Question:

Q201 (RO 3yrs forecast) is there a template available for this?

Response:

Yes, applicants can use the registration projections template from the Financial Evaluation Templates, which can be found on the 2026 Round Resources Page.

Pre-Submitted Question #4

Question:

In what order are Clarification Questions processed? For example, where certificate of good standing is not available in the jurisdiction, is a Clarifying Question on what is submitted issued, and if so when?

Response #4

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Response:

CQs are processed based on when an application is invited to Applicant & Application evaluations or Contention Resolution. Generally, ICANN will invite applications to Applicant & Application evaluations based on priority number.

Pre-Submitted Question #5

Question:

Version 1: Did we ever get an update on the 20 page limitation question for documents that exceed 20 pages?

Version 2: If an attachment exceeds 20 pages, such as a financial statement which many times can be more than 100 pages, are we able to split the document across multiple uploads or upload it to the “any additional supporting documentation” question near the end of the application?

Response #5

Question:

Version 1: Did we ever get an update on the 20 page limitation question for documents that exceed 20 pages?

Response:

TAMS will not verify page count on uploaded attachments. The system is currently set to allow up a maximum file size of 5 MB per attached file regardless of page count.

Pre-Submitted Question #6

Question:

What is the calculation for reserves for ASP applicants? is it \$50k + 25% of the \$227k application fee? or is the 25% of the ASP application fee?

Response #6

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Response:

From the AGB Financial Evaluation Standard profile: "has at a minimum of USD 50,000 plus 25% of the application fee for each applied-for gTLD string in Cash and Cash Equivalents on the balance sheet." For supported gTLD applicants, it would be \$50k + 25% of the unsupported portion of the fee, rather than 25% of the full \$227k fee.

Pre-Submitted Question #7

Question:

How do we prove a document is “equivalent”?

Response #7

Question:

How do we prove a document is “equivalent”?

Response:

The "equivalent" should be the document that is most relevant, according to the applicant's jurisdiction, to provide evidence/documentation in support of the question. If the applicant believes there may be ambiguity, it is free to provide additional documentation in support.

Pre-Submitted Question #8

Question:

In the document, "**Instructions for Financial Projection Template**", (page 4), I have 2 questions:

- 1) "Average Registration Fee": Can you confirm it is "...price charged to Registrants...", not to "Registrars"?
- 2) "Premium Fees": where do you comment on the Financial Evaluation Template (I don't see space on the "MLS Registration Projections" sheet)?

Response #8

Question:

In the document, "Instructions for Financial Projection Template", (page 4), I have 2 questions:

Response:

- 1) This field is the average registration price charged to registrants for all applied-for strings.
- 2) Comments should be made in column L on the MLS - Blank sheet in the Financial Evaluation Templates.

Pre-Submitted Question #9

Question:

In regard to, "**Instructions for Financial Projections Template**", I believe it is column L for the "MLS -Blank" sheet, my question is for "MLS Registration Projections" sheet, in Premium fees, I have to comment but there is no column where to comment.

What do I do?

Response #9

Question:

In regard to, "**Instructions for Financial Projections Template**", I believe it is column L for the "MLS -Blank" sheet, my question is for "MLS Registration Projections" sheet, in Premium fees, I have to comment but there is no column where to comment.

Response:

Rather than comments within the MLS Registration Projections tab, those comments should be added to Column L in the MLS - Blank tab (column L).

Pre-Submitted Question #10

Question:

Which documents do you provide when a company was just created to support your application? Accounting/certified documents are requested but the company does not have those yet.

Response #10

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Response:

To meet the AGB criteria, applicants are required to submit audited financial statements, or in the case where audited statements cannot be provided, either reviewed or compiled financial statements for the most recently closed fiscal year or interim period, regardless of when the company was created. Additionally, applicants must meet the criteria for self-certification documents and the financial evaluation templates. If the proper documents are not uploaded or the requirements are not met, applicants may be issued clarifying questions. Applicants that are unable to resolve issues through clarifying questions may request financial Extended Evaluation.

Pre-Submitted Question #11

Question:

Topic: Timing of refunds after withdrawal of gTLD application

Can you please indicate whether refunds will be issued in X days, X weeks, or X months after an application is withdrawn?

Response #11

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Response:

Following the completion of the withdrawal and refund request, ICANN org will start the processing of the refund request which includes, amongst other things, confirming the refund amount as well as banking details. In most cases, we anticipate that refunds will be issued within 30 days.

Pre-Submitted Question #12

Question:

Registration Projections Template

Please clarify that the Registration Volume per year is all domains (standard & premium) and the registration revenue is the "standard" revenue for each domain. The Premium Fees category seems to be the "premium name markup" above the standard price and has no additional domains since they are captured fully in the Registration Volume cell.

Response #12

Question:

Registration Projections Template

Please clarify that the Registration Volume per year is all domains (standard & premium) and the

Response:

Registrations Projections Template – For each string you should account for all expected registrations in the Registration Volume field. Premium Fees – This field is for the estimated premium fees for the associated string. Registration Revenue on the MLS Blank sheet is the total across all applied-for strings.

Pre-Submitted Question #13

Question:

Can you clarify the specific API integration requirements between TAMS and the Registry System for the Sunrise and Claims periods?

Additionally, will there be a sandbox environment available for testing the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) data integration prior to the 'Go-Live' date?

Response #13

Question:

Can you clarify the specific API integration requirements between TAMS and the Registry System for the Sunrise and Claims periods?

Response:

TAMS is the system used to process TLD applications, Sunrise and Claims are requirements applicable to registry operators, i.e., after a registry agreement is executed. Once an applicant has become a registry operator, the NSP system will be used for interaction with ICANN. There are currently no plans for an API to integrate registry operators with NSP for the Sunrise and Claims period.

Thank you for the suggestion to have a sandbox or OT&E for testing integration with the TMCH, we'll consider the suggestion as we work on the upcoming RFP for the TMCH.

Additional Question and Answer

Please submit
questions in the
Zoom chat.



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Wrap-up and Next Steps

Additional Webinars

TAMS

- **Webinar #4**
26 May, 16:00 UTC
Register here: <https://icann.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ypin5WwpQVOLwMFwz4IM5w>
- Please share [pre-submitted questions](#) by 18 May to ensure adequate time for response

Objections and Appeals: overview of the objection and appeal grounds, processes and timelines

- **ICANN** | 19 May, 14:00 UTC & 26 May 6:00 UTC
- **WIPO** | 20 May, 14:00 UTC & 27 May 6:00 UTC
- **ICC** | 21 May, 14:00 UTC & 28 May 6:00 UTC

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