

NEW gTLD PROGRAM: 2026 ROUND

Application Publication and Statistics (APS) Website User Guide

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Introduction

What is the Application Publication and Statistics website?

The [Application Publication Statistics \(APS\) website](#) is the online home for New gTLD Program: 2026 Round application statistics and information. The [2026 Round Applicant Guidebook](#) (AGB) specifies the information and statistics to be published to ensure community visibility into the lifecycle progress of new generic top-level domain (gTLD) application submissions.

How does the APS website fit into the Applicant Journey?

As the program progresses and individual applications go through the stages of the applicant journey, the data available on the APS website changes as well. For that reason, not all information this site ultimately will provide is available at launch on Reveal Day, or when the website is updated on String Confirmation Day. Parts of the APS site are inactive and no data appears.

Reveal Day

APS goes live on Reveal Day as the conduit that will ‘reveal’ application information for the first time by ICANN. This is an important milestone in the applicant journey for applicants, the ICANN community, and the general public.

- APS users can view public portions of submitted applications and a list of initial contention sets published on Reveal Day.

String Confirmation Day

On String Confirmation Day, updated contention set information is published outside of APS based on applicants’ selection of replacement strings.

- APS users can view an updated list of contention sets following the String Replacement Period.

Community Input and Objections Period

Public information on application objections and appeals, including the objector, objection grounds, and outcome, is published on APS as soon as feasible after the information is published on the Dispute Resolution Service Providers’ (DRSP) websites.

- APS users can view published information on application objections and appeals, as well as change requests filed by applicants.

Note: The DRSP websites are the authoritative sources of information on application objections and appeals.

For a full overview of the applicant journey, see the [New gTLD Applicant Journey](#).

About This User Guide

This user guide explains how applicants, ICANN community members, and the general public can use APS to find New gTLD Program: 2026 Round applicant and application information. APS can be used to:

- **Navigate** - the Statistics, Applications, Contention Sets, and Objections and Appeals tabs.
- **Search** - for information by applicant, application, applied for string, application type or other parameters.
- **View** - program statistics, application information, contention sets, and objections and appeals.
- **Download** - application information.

Note: This guide covers APS functionality available from Reveal Day through String Confirmation Day. Updated guides are published as functionality changes.

Support

For help with questions not answered in this guide, contact globalsupport@icann.org.

Getting Started in APS

Login

No login or specific permissions are required to access the Application Publication Statistics (APS) website.

Navigate the Home Page

Site Header

The Site Header is located at the top of the APS site and is available on every page. From the Site Header, navigate to:

- **Program Site** - the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round program website.
- **Comments** - the Application Comments Forum, where the general public can comment on specific applications. This site goes live after String Confirmation Day.
- **About** - overview of the purpose and use of the APS website.
- **Help** - APS resources and user support.

Navigation Bar

The Navigation Bar is at the top of the APS site directly below the Site Header. The Navigation Bar allows navigation between the following pages:

- **Statistics** - a high-level overview of the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round applications.
- **Applications** - a full list of New gTLD Program: 2026 Round applications and each application's public information.
- **Contention Sets** - after String Evaluation, contention sets are published.
- **Objections and Appeals** - information on objections and appeals are published starting after String Confirmation Day.



Using APS

The APS site provides a high-level overview of the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round applications, including the number of applicants, applications, applied-for strings, and variants.

Applications for which the applicant has designated a replacement string have two application records on the Applications tab during the period between Reveal Day and String Confirmation Day but count as one application in the statistics. After String Confirmation Day, application records for strings that are not selected will have the status "Deactivated."

Statistics

On the **Statistics** page, view summary information across all applications including the total number of applicants, applications, unique strings, variants, applications in contention, and contention sets.

The total number of applicants can also be viewed by:

- **Region** - applicants in each ICANN region;
- **TLD Type** - applicants for each gTLD application type.

Note: For more information on TLD types, see the [TLD Application Types Topic Overview](#)

Applications

Search and filter applications information by keyword, or filter by application status, applicant region, TLD type, application label, processing stage, applicant location, or application type.

Contention Sets

Contention set information is published on the **Contention Sets** page after String Evaluation concludes. Prior to the end of String Evaluation, a link to the preliminary contention sets .csv file appears on the **Applications** page.

A link to preliminary contention sets is published on the [APS Help page](#) and **Applications** page on [Reveal Day](#) and updated on [String Confirmation Day](#).

Objections and Appeals

View the total number of objections, as well as objections by type; string confusion, legal rights, limited public interest, community and total objections with appeals.

The total number of objections and appeals can also be viewed by:

- **Objection status**
- **Objection Label**
- **Appeals by Status**
- **Appeals by Appeal Label**

Search for and Download Application Information

The Applications tab contains a full list of all New gTLD Program: 2026 Round applications and each application's public information, including application status (see also [AGB Section 3.9](#) for information on application statuses).

At the top of the page, search and filter applications by applicant, application status, applicant region, TLD type, and more. Click on individual applications to get more information as well as the option to download an application summary PDF.

Applications with a designated replacement string are listed as two application records (one for the original applied-for string and one for the replacement string, with an -R after the application ID), but count as a single application on the Statistics tab. After String Confirmation Day, application records for strings that are not selected will reflect a "Deactivated" status.

Search all applications

To search applications by keyword:

1. Go to the **Applications** tab.
2. Go to the **Search By** field and click the down-arrow.
3. Select an option from the menu to select the field to search (Applicant Name, Application ID, Primary String, TLD Variants).
4. Enter the keyword in the Search field.
5. Click **Search**.
6. Scroll down to view search results in the table.

To search applications using filters:

1. Go to the desired filter and click the down-arrow. Filters include:
 - Application Status
 - Applicant Region
 - TLD Type
 - Application Label
 - Processing Stage
 - Application Location
 - Application Type

Note: For definitions of each application filter, see [Appendix A: Glossary](#)

2. Select a filter criteria from the drop-down menu.
3. Click the down-arrow and select a second criteria if more than one is desired.
4. Click **Search**.

To sort application search results alphabetically:

1. Go to the search results table.
2. Click a column header to sort the table alphabetically (A-Z) by that column.
3. Click again to sort the table reverse alphabetically (Z-A) by that column.

To download application search results

1. Go to the search results table.
2. Click **Download CSV** above and to the right of the search results.

Note: Downloaded CSV files contain publicly available information related to the applications in search results. Fields containing the value **TRUE** indicate that the column title or 'criteria' is applicable, while **FALSE** indicates that the criteria is not applicable to the application.

Contention Set status is **FALSE** for all applications until contention sets are finalized after String Evaluation. **FALSE** will appear for all evaluations and determinations which have not yet been completed.

To display more than 10 results per page:

3. Go to the search results table.
4. Below the table, click the drop-down arrow next to **Items per page** to select a larger number of results to display.

View Application Details

Additional details related to each application can be viewed in APS under **Application Details**. Publicly available details include responses to application questions, clarifying questions, change requests, publicly available documents, and objections are found on individual tabs on the page. On Reveal Day, only responses to publicly available application questions and application documents are available. See [AGB Appendix I](#) for details on application questions which are published.

To view individual **Application Details**:

1. On the **Applications** tab, go to the search results table.
2. Click the **Application ID** hyperlink of the application to be viewed.

To download a PDF with summary details:

1. On the **Application Details** page, click **Download PDF** at top-right .
2. Open the PDF file.

Note: The application summary PDF file contains all publicly available information related to the individual application.

To view **Application Responses**:

1. On the **Application Details** page, click the **Responses** tab.
2. Scroll down to **Application Responses** and click a section title to review application questions and responses.

To view **Application Response Documents**:

1. On the **Application Details** page, click the **Documents** tab.
2. Scroll down to **Application Response Documents** and click a section title to review AGB questions and responses, including documents.

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Application Details

[Download PDF](#)

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Application Type: New gTLD

Primary String: adaqueate

Application ID: WO2699T-T18928

Application Priority Number: 43

Application Status: Active

Processing Stage: Pre-Evaluation Processing

Comment Period: --

View:

Summary

Responses

Clarifying Questions

Change Requests

Documents

Objections

Application Responses

Section: Applying Entity Information

AGB Q1. Full Legal Name

Provide the full legal name of the applying entity as it appears on the official registration documents. Do not use abbreviations.

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Appendix

Appendix A: Glossary

Applicant Location - The country or territory in which the applicant is located, based on the [ICANN Geographic Region](#).

Applicant Region - The [ICANN Geographic Region](#) in which the applicant is based.

- Africa
- Asia/Australia/Pacific
- Europe
- Latin America / Caribbean
- North America

Appellate Label - The appellate panel determination identifies the prevailing party and states the reasons upon which it is based, resulting in one of these labels:

- Reject the Appeal.
- Substitute its own determination.

Application ID - The identifying number assigned to each application in TAMS.

Replacement String application IDs are indicated with an -R after the original application ID.

Application Label - Application system flags in TAMS that designate the applicability of specific processes, evaluation results, or statuses

- Applicant Support
- No Applicant Support
- Requested Community Priority Evaluation (CPE)
- No Requested Community Priority Evaluation (CPE)
- Change Request
- No Change Request
- Clarifying Questions
- No Clarifying Questions
- Code of Conduct (CoC) Exemption
- No Code of Conduct (CoC) Exemption
- Comments
- No Comments
- GAC Consensus Advise
- No GAC Consensus Advise
- GAC Member Early Warning
- No GAC Member Early Warning
- High Risk String
- Not High Risk String
- In Contention
- Not In Contention
- Objection
- No Objection
- Open Comment Period
- Not In Comment Period
- Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVC)

- No Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVC)
- Reserved Name
- Not Reserved Name
- Safeguard
- No Safeguard
- Singular/Plural
- No Singular/Plural
- Variant Included
- No Variant Included
- Variant Only (Existing TLD)
- Not Variant Only (Existing TLD)

Application Status - An application will have one of the statuses listed here (see [AGB Section 3.9](#) for definitions of each status).

- Active
- Contracted
- Deactivated
- Delegated
- On Hold
- Pending Termination
- Terminated
- Withdrawn

Application Type - General categories of gTLD application:

- Existing gTLD with Variants.
- New gTLD.
- New gTLD with Variants.
- Replacement String.

Contention / In Contention - The situation in which there is more than one application for an identical or similar string.

Contention Sets - A group of applications that are determined to be identical or similar visually, aurally or in meaning to other applied-for gTLD strings.

Objection Ground - An application objection can be filed only on these four specific grounds:

- String Confusion
- Legal Rights
- Limited Public Interest
- Community

Objection Status - The objection will have one of the statuses listed here.

- Active
- On Hold
- Resolved

Objection Label - Placeholder

- Objection Dismissed
- Objection Withdrawn

- Objector Prevailed
- Applicant Prevailed
- Applicant Can Proceed with Modification
- Application Withdrawn

Priority Number - The Priority Number, assigned to an application after the Prioritization Draw, determines the general order in which ICANN processes the successive stages of the application.

Primary String - Reflects the most current only (e.g., in the event of .Brand String Change). Listed with both the ASCII label (a-label) and unicode label (u-label).

Processing Stage - The applicant journey consists of sequential stages, in which application processing activities and evaluations occur.

- Submitted
- Pre-Evaluation Processing
- String Evaluation Processing
- Contention Resolution
- Contention Resolution - CPE
- Contention Resolution - Auction
- Application/Applicant Evaluations
- Extended Evaluation (EE)
- Contracting
- Post Contracting

Replacement String - To potentially reduce the instances of contention, applicants may designate a replacement string alongside their original choice of string during application submission.

TLD Type - TLD Types are not mutually exclusive. An application may be categorized as more than one TLD Type, so TLD Type totals may exceed the total number of unique Applications.

- Brand
- Community
- Geo (Self-Designated)
- Geo (String Review Confirmed)
- IDN - Internationalized Domain Name

TLD Variant - A string considered the “same” as another string by the relevant script community as defined in the Root Zone Label Generation Rules.

Unique Strings - Total number of unique applied-for strings.

Variant string - A string considered the “same” as another string by the relevant script community. For top-level domains, these are defined through the Root Zone Label Generation Rules. For the second level, these are defined by the applicable set of Label Generation Rules (LGR), e.g. reference LGRs for the second level.

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