

# Public Consultation on changes to the dot ie (.ie) registration requirements



## Removal of the 'claim' to the domain name

### What's changing?




We are proposing to remove the 'claim to the name' requirement from the [IEDR's Registration & Naming Policy](#). The 'claim to the name' refers to the requirement on registrants to prove a legitimate claim when applying for a new dot ie domain.

Registrants will still need to prove their real connection to the island of Ireland, and their identity, when applying for a dot ie domain.

#### Applying now, you must show:

-  Connection to the island of Ireland
-  Prove your identity
-  Claim to the name

#### Applying after the change, you must show:

-  Connection to the island of Ireland
-  Prove your identity
-  Claim to the name

### Why is this being proposed?

- ✓ We want to make it faster and easier for those with real Irish connections to get a dot ie.
- ✓ We want to grow dot ie, especially with Irish Small Office/Home Office/Micro businesses.
- ✓ We want to remove the 'claim' requirement, as applicants can't prove future 'claims' (e.g. new start-up businesses who want a web presence before setting up a physical presence).
- ✓ We want to remove restrictions on domains that reflect a person's name, nickname, pen name.
- ✓ We believe that now is the right time to remove the claim, so that those with real Irish connections can get any available dot ie domain they want, without delay.

**We would like your feedback on this matter before 30 September 2017.**

Visit [www.iedr.ie/public-consultation](http://www.iedr.ie/public-consultation) to tell us what you think.

## What isn't changing?

### Dot ie will still be:

- reserved for those with legitimate Irish connections
- as safe as ever
- verifying the identity of domain owners
- verifying connection to the island of Ireland

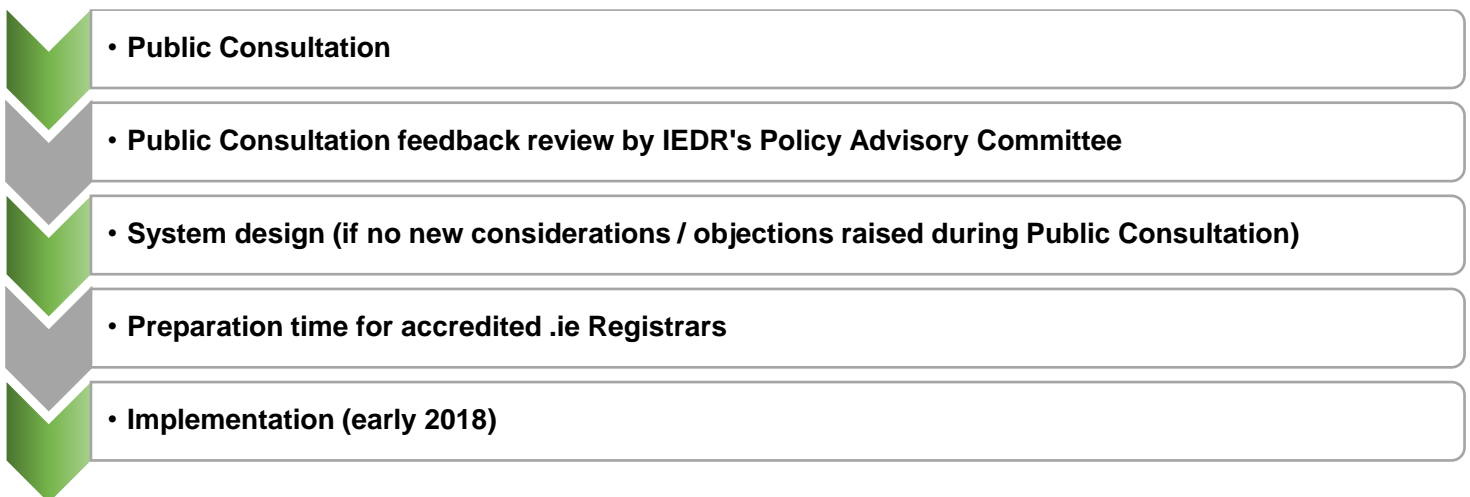
## What happens if someone takes my name?

Disputes are handled using the IE Dispute Resolution Policy, the provisions of the legal Terms of Service, and the IE Registration & Naming Policy.

The Policy Advisory Committee is also reviewing the introduction of an Alternative Dispute Resolution Process. This will offer a faster and more affordable way to dispute dot ie domain registrations.

## When is this change expected to happen?

The policy change proposal will be reviewed in line with the 10-step IE [Policy Development Process](#). The multi-stakeholder Policy Advisory Committee and the IEDR Board of Directors have already given approval-in-principle for the change. The next stages of review are outlined below:-



## Looking for more information?

Further information on the policy change proposal is available at [www.iedr.ie/public-consultation](http://www.iedr.ie/public-consultation)

You can also email [public-consultation@iedr.ie](mailto:public-consultation@iedr.ie) for more information.

The progression of this policy change proposal is detailed in the Minutes from the IEDR Policy Advisory Committee's meetings at <https://www.iedr.ie/p30/policy-development/>

## Want to register a domain?

If there are any .ie domains you want to register or protect before the policy change is introduced, you should contact any of our accredited .ie Registrars to apply. See <https://www.iedr.ie/register-a-domain/accredited-registrar-list/> for further information.