

# CIRA POLICIES, RULES AND PROCEDURES

## Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Policy, Rules and Procedures Version 1.1

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**Reserved Names Policy:** CIRA will maintain a list of reserved names that are not available for registration in the CIRA Registry. This list will include, but not be limited to:

- (a) the Canadian country code top level domain name .ca (.ca ccTLD) and all the existing generic top level domain (gTLD) three letter names (including .com.ca, .org.ca, .net.ca, .edu.ca, .gov.ca, .int.ca, and .mil.ca). (CIRA will reserve .mil.ca for, and register .mil.ca in the name of, the Canadian federal government's Department of National Defence); *(changed effective 2003-03-20)*
- (b) the following names: village.ca, hamlet.ca, hameau.ca\*, town.ca, city.ca, ville.ca. and municipal.ca; *(effective 2002-12-03)*
- (c) such domain names that are at the relevant time available for registration as CIRA may determine in its sole discretion; and
- (d) the names, and all abbreviations of names, of Canada, of Canadian provinces and territories as well as the names listed in the following classes in the applicable version of the Canadian Geographical Names Database (CGNDB) obtained by CIRA under licence from Natural Resources Canada: city, ville, town, village, hamlet, hameau, other municipal/district area –major agglomeration, autre zone municipale /de district – agglomerations majeure, other municipal/district area- miscellaneous and autre zone municipale/de district – divers. The applicable version of the CGNDB will be the one used by CIRA on the date on which a CIRA Certified Registrar submits a request to CIRA to register a municipal name on behalf of an applicant. *(changed effective 2003-03-20)*

CIRA reserves the right to periodically review and amend this list and to grant Registrations of any of the names on the list as it deems appropriate. Geographical names may be made available to corresponding government entities under special conditions to be determined by CIRA in its discretion. *(effective 2000-12-01)*

\* hameau added effective 2002-12-03

**Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration Policy:** CIRA will make the official abbreviations of provincial and territorial names available for registration as part of a third or fourth level domain name under the CIRA policies, rules and procedures applicable to the registration of domain names. e.g. drugstore.nl.ca or city.gander.nl.ca *(effective 2000-12-01)*

### Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration Rules:

**1. Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration – abbreviations:** For the purpose of CIRA's Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration Policy CIRA will use the abbreviations officially adopted by the provinces and territories. *(effective 2000-12-01)*

**2. Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration –change to abbreviations:** CIRA will implement a new provincial or territorial name abbreviation as soon as possible after it is officially adopted by the relevant authority and according to procedures published by CIRA at the time of implementation. *(effective 2002-12-03)*

**3. Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration –grandfathering existing abbreviations:** CIRA will not require any registrant who registered a domain name containing an old provincial or territorial name abbreviation to change to the new abbreviation. *(effective 2002-12-03)*

**Provincial and Territorial Name Abbreviations Registration –Implementation of change from .nf to .nl - procedures:**

**1.** CIRA will no longer accept an application for a third or fourth level domain name registration which includes .nf.

**2.** Applicants for a third or fourth level domain name registration wishing to use the abbreviation for Newfoundland and Labrador as part of the domain name must use .nl instead of .nf. e.g. drugstore.nl.ca or city.gander.nl.ca.

**3.** Registrants who have registered a domain name with .nf at the second level before December 3, 2002 may renew the registration subject to the applicable CIRA policies, rules and procedures.

**4.** Until June 11, 2003, the .nl equivalent of a .nf domain name may be registered by the .nf domain name registrant without requiring the consent of the registrant(s) of any conflicting domain name(s). e.g. normally a person seeking to register drugstore.nl.ca would require the consent of the registrant for drugstore.ca. If the person is the registrant for drugstore.nf.ca, this consent will not be required.

**5.** To register the .nl equivalent in the name of the .nf domain name registrant, the registrant's registrar must submit a request to CIRA.

**6.** CIRA will validate the request according to the registry rules and procedures for validating a request to register a domain name.

**7.** If the registrant has registered the .nf domain name and the request otherwise complies with registry rules and registry procedures, CIRA will accept the registration.

**8.** If the registrant has not registered the .nf domain name or the request does not otherwise comply with the registry rules or registry procedures, CIRA will cancel the request and then notify the registrar of the cancellation by email.

9. The implementation of the change from .nf to .nl procedures 1 through 8 above go into effect December 3, 2002.