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NEW RULES FOR PERSONAL .IE DOMAINS

Finally, the IE Domain Registry have seen the light and decided to make full personal domain names available to private individuals.

The new rules go live at 8am on October 31st 2007.

This document explains how you will be able to register your own personal name as a .ie domain, illustrates what documentary evidence is required and shows how it is possible for many individuals already operating under their own name to **'beat the queue'** and register **now!**

WWW.PERSONALDOMAINS.IE





OK, so what exactly is a personal domain name ?

A personal domain name is a domain name that is identical to or very closely derived from your real name. A hypothetical John Anthony O'Brien could register his personal domain name as johnobrien.ie or jobrien.ie etc. Documentation will be required to prove entitlement to the domain name.



So what forms of my name can be registered ?

The rule is that your surname must be at the end of the domain name, preceded by your first name or initial and/or your middle name or initial. Hyphens can also be used to separate the names or initials. Nicknames cannot be registered, nor can additional words be added. Apostrophes (as in O'Brien,) fadas or other symbols are also ignored.

Our hypothetical John Anthony O'Brien could register ...

johnobrien.ie	john-obrien.ie	jobrien.ie
j-obrien.ie	johnanthonyobrien.ie	john-anthony-obrien.ie
johnaobrien.ie	john-a-obrien.ie	jaobrien.ie
ja-obrien.ie	j-a-obrien.ie	anthonyobrien.ie
anthony-obrien.ie	aobrien.ie	a-obrien.ie



Who can register a personal domain name ?

Personal domain names may be registered by all Irish citizens plus anyone legally resident in Ireland or Northern Ireland regardless of citizenship provided they can provide the documentation required.



Can I register more than one name ?

Yes - you can register as many of the above variations of your name as you want, provided that your documentation supports them.





What documentation will I need to provide?

You will have to supply any one of the documents listed below. Please note that the name on the document must contain the same form and spelling of your name as you are registering and include all the names making up the domain - so if your document only shows you to be Mr. John O'Brien, you cannot register johnnyobrien.ie or jpobrien.ie.



Documents acceptable for Irish Citizens or Residents

- Irish Passport
- Irish Revenue or Social Welfare Document showing PPS number
- Irish Utility Bill (e.g. NTL, Chorus, SKY, ESB, Airtricity, Bord Gais, Eircom, Vodafone, O2, Meteor, Three - bill pay phones only)
- Irish Drivers License
- Irish Birth Cert
- Irish Marriage Cert



Documents acceptable for Northern Ireland Residents

- UK Driver's License with NI address.
- Northern Ireland Birth Cert
- Northern Ireland Marriage Cert
- Northern Ireland Utility Bill (e.g. NTL, Chorus, SKY, UTV Internet, NIE, Airtricity, British Gas, BT, Vodafone, O2, Three, T-Mobile, Orange, BT - bill pay phones only)
- HM Revenue & Customs / Northern Ireland Social Security Agency document showing National Insurance number and NI Address



So can I apply now ?

You can join our personal domain name queue at www.personaldomains.ie and your application will be queued for submission on October 31st.

But read on to see if you might be eligible to beat the queue and register your own name immediately ...





I rely on my name for a living – How can I “Beat the Queue” ?

If you are a Politician, Sole Trader, Artist, Musician or other Professional and can demonstrate that you currently use your name for your trade, profession or art, then you may be able to register **NOW** under the existing rules for Politicians/Personal Trading Names....



Politicians

If you are an elected member of either house of the Oireachtas or of a local government authority (County/City Council) then you should apply now for your domain name under the Politician's Name Category.



VAT Registered Sole Traders & Professionals

If you are a Sole Trader registered for VAT in your own name then you should apply now under the existing Personal Trading Name category and you simply need to supply us with your VAT Number.



Other Sole Traders & Professionals

If you are not VAT registered, you can still apply now under the existing Personal Trading Name category if you can provide a letter from a Bank Manager, Solicitor or Accountant (in their professional capacity) confirming that you are a sole trader and trade under your own name or that you are a professional personal operating under their own name.



Members of Professional Bodies

Members of certain professional bodies who operate or trade privately under their own name (e.g. Solicitors, Accountants, Engineers) should apply now under the existing Personal Trading Name category and submit evidence of membership of the relevant body. This would not include persons working for a firm who do not trade individually.





Musicians, Writers or Artists

If you can prove that you are a published writer or musician, or an artist that has exhibited in a public gallery or can otherwise demonstrate that you operate currently under your personal name, you can apply now for a Personal Trading Name (you will have to submit documentation such as high quality brochures, reviews, proof of publication/exhibition etc).



Where do I apply ?

If you are eligible to register under the Politicians Name or Personal Trading Name rules, you can apply immediately at www.irishdomains.com, otherwise you can queue your Personal Domain Name application right now at www.personaldomains.ie ready for the rule change on October 31st.



How much will it cost ?

The fee for queuing and registration of your Personal Domain Name with Irish Domains is €49+VAT (€59.29 incl). This price include free DNS Parking, free Web Redirection and free Email Forwarding.



Am I Guaranteed my Name ?

Unfortunately it is not possible to guarantee in advance that your queued application for a Personal Domain Name will be accepted by the registry because of the possibility of similar queued applications with other registrars, and the need to validate supplied documentation. You will be able to specify alternative versions to register if your preferred choice is not available - if none of these are available your fee will be refunded.



Can I Get More Information ?

Certainly, you can contact us on 1800 366246 and we will be happy to answer any questions that you have. Alternatively, you can visit..

WWW.PERSONALDOMAINS.IE

