

.ECO Eligibility policy

In line with .eco Purpose and Principles, all .eco domain names will be registered with “Server Hold” status until the Registrant affirms their Eligibility (as defined by this .eco Eligibility Policy) when completing their Eco Profile.

Once a Registrar submits a .eco domain name registration request to the Registry, the Registry will contact the Registrant by email (with a copy to the Registrant’s Registrar) inviting them to complete an Eco Profile affirming their Eligibility OR where a different person or entity is using the .eco domain name (typically where the domain name owner is different from the website owner), the Eligibility of the User. Affirming Eligibility forms part of the Minimum Requirements for completion of the Eco Profile and Activation of a .eco domain name.

Eligibility through Membership of the .eco Organization:

The Dot ECO Global Community Organization (“the “.eco Organization”) is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. The .eco Organization is the representative body of the global environmental community (the “Community”) in relation to .eco. It supports the Community’s goals of transparency, inclusiveness and improvement, and the management of .eco for the long-term benefit of the Community.

During the creation of a .eco Profile all .eco Registrants will be offered free membership in the .eco Organization. According to its bylaws, membership in the .eco Organization is open to entities and natural persons that are committed to a respectful, responsible and sustainable use of the environment.

Membership of the .eco Organization confers Eligibility upon .eco Registrants. The .eco Organization falls within Eligibility Category 1(a) below and provides access to business entities through Eligibility Category 2(a)(i) below and natural persons through Eligibility Category 4(a) below.

Other Eligibility Categories:

Organizations

1. Not-for-profit mission-based organizations, both small and large, that work for the good of the planet.

Specific criteria include:

- a) Not-for-profit environmental organizations that affirm and can provide proof on request of their: Environmental mission/purpose and their legal status; OR,
- b) Accreditation as such by United Nations agencies.

2. Businesses of all sizes committed to providing products and services that encourage positive environmental change.

Specific criteria include: For-profit business entities that affirm and can provide proof on request of the following:

- a) Membership in environmental organizations and initiatives including:
 - i) Organizations that fall under the categories in 1(a) or (b); or
 - ii) The United Nations Global Compact; or
 - iii) Other memberships approved by the .eco Organization
- b) Accreditation by voluntary environmental certifications, standards and reporting systems of:
 - i) Organizations that fall under the categories in 1(a) or (b); or
 - ii) UN member states, national and sub-national governmental bodies and entities; or

iii) The International Organization for Standardization; or

iv) Other certification, standards and reporting systems approved by the .eco Organization.

3. Government bodies that support sustainability through programs, infrastructure and funding amongst other policies and actions.

Specific criteria include: Governments, including environment-related departments and initiatives of UN member states, national and sub-national governmental bodies, and UN bodies.

4. People who participate in and support environmental change through membership, financial support or donating their time, as well environmental professionals who contribute to positive environmental change through their work.

Specific criteria include: Natural persons that:

- a) affirm and can provide proof on request of membership of, financial support for, volunteer time for, or accreditation by organizations within categories in 1(a) or (b); or,
- b) are holders of certified environmental professional qualifications approved by the .eco organization; or
- c) are academics or scientists employed by or affiliated with recognized universities.

5. Farms and other producers of agricultural products that achieve EU organic production and labelling standards.

Specific criteria: Any entity providing evidence of full compliance with the requirements of European Union Regulation (EC) No 834/20071, shall be eligible to become a .eco Registrant.