Country Code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) Project for State of Kuwait

Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) assigns, organizes, manages and codes the top domain names for the State of Kuwait (.kw) for access to the Internet in accordance with best practices and standards in this field, ensuring the efficiency, fairness and transparency for the beneficiaries.

This includes the regulation and implementation of all regulations, policies and procedures in relation to the operation of the country code's top-level domain.

What is a domain name?

A domain name is the address and identity of any website. It is a means of accessing websites directly without having to search them in the search engines. The domain name is a system of converting IP addresses and numbers used to locate computers on the Internet. Domain names provide a system of easy-to-use Internet addresses that can be translated through the DNS - Domain Name System (a system that stores information related to Internet domain names in a decentralized database on the Internet) on the network.

What is a ccTLD?

Country code top-level domains or the highest country encoding range: used by an independent country or territory. It consists of two letters, such as .eg for Egypt or. sa for Saudi Arabia or .kw for the State of Kuwait.

The registration of a domain name (.kw) became easy and smooth process after the establishment and launch of the electronic registration system for the management and operation of domains through the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority and the accredited registrars authorized by the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority and responsible for providing integrated registration services for those wishing to register (.Kw). The accredited registrar represents the public interface that provides registration services to the beneficiaries through the

electronic system for management and operation of the top domains (.kw), which is managed, operated and supervised by the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority. The registration system maintains the domain name database of the State of Kuwait and the registration system is not directly related to the domain name owner. The registrar issues domain name licenses for the domain name registrant, and determines whether the domain name application complies with the regulations of the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority. The registrar may have direct access to the registration system so that it can process new registration applications and renewal applications as well as update the address owner data of the domain name in the database. Registrants are accredited in the .kw domain by (.kw Internet Domain Department) of the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority.

To perform the registration process, follow these steps:

- Check the availability of the domain name to be registered using the search engine on the website of the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority and choose the appropriate domain name for the beneficiary available for registration.

- Select one of the accredited registrars from the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority for domain registration.

- Complete the registration procedures and finalize the process through the accredited registrar of your choice.

- The ccTLDs, which are approved by ICANN, may be registered by any natural or juridical person in accordance with the policies and procedures set by the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority and the domain name extensions of the State of Kuwait:

- .kw / Not available at this time.

- com.kw / Domain names of registered commercial entities in the State of Kuwait.

- net.kw / Domain names for ICT companies and communications service providers officially registered in the State of Kuwait.

- edu.kw / Domain names for governmental and private educational organizations and organizations officially registered in the State of Kuwait.

- org.kw / Domain names for private, charitable and public benefit organizations registered in the State of Kuwait.

- gov.kw / Domain names for governmental organizations, bodies and entities in the State of Kuwait.

- ind.kw / Domain names of natural persons, citizens and residents of the State of Kuwait.

Domain name specifications:

Must be subject to the ICANN-Internationalized Assigned Names and Numbers (ICS) specification and that:

- Consists of a minimum of two letters and a maximum of 63 characters. Use English characters set and can include letters (A-Z) and numbers from 0-9 (and dash) - or a combination of both.

- None of them should begin or end with a dash.

- Does not contain two consecutive dashes in 3rd and 4th positions (www.ab--cd.com.kw) and does not contain a space such as: (www.ab cd.kw)

- Subdomain

If your domain name is http://example.com, the domain http://new.example.com is a subdomain of your primary domain, where you can create a large number of subdomains, each subdomain would be

dedicated to a semi-separate part of the site, a subdomain of the site directory, and a subdomain of the news page, all under the name of your site.

You can inquire about availability of the domain name at: www.kw__