

## As TRAB?S comes into effect as of January 2022, Registration or Transfer of com.tr, net.tr and org.tr Domain Name Extensions will not Require Documentation

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The administration of the domain names with .tr extension has been handled by Nic.tr operating under Middle East Technical University ("**METU**") since 1990. However, in accordance with Internet Domain Names Regulation ("**Regulation**") published in Official Gazette numbered 27752 and dated 7 November 2010, the administration of the domain names with .tr extension was left to .tr Network Information Systems ("**TRAB?S**") which will be incorporated under Information and Communication Technologies Authority ("**BTK**").

Accordingly, METU and BTK have signed a protocol ("**Protocol**") on 21 December 2018 and METU's authorities were transferred to BTK. In the Protocol, it was foreseen that TRAB?S would start its operations in August 2020, and that until this date the administration of the domain names with .tr extension would remain with METU. However, this process could not be completed by August 2020.

Afterwards, ODTÜ Geliştirme Vakfı Bilgi Teknolojileri A.Ş. ("**METUnic**") made an announcement stating that the transfer to TRAB?S will be completed by January 2022. METUnic has provided information on .tr domain name extensions which can be registered with or without documentation on its announcements dated 19 November 2021 and 30 November 2021 ("**Announcements**"). Per the Announcements, the .tr domain name extensions com.tr, net.tr and org.tr, which are among the most requested domain name extensions, will be registered without requesting any documents and on first-come, first-served basis, unlike the Nic.tr period.

Currently, for the registration of these domain name extensions, real or legal persons must file a document which proves their actual right on the dominant element of the domain name. These documents can be commercial activity statement obtained from chamber of commerce, trade registry certificate, trademark registration certificate or sector-specific documents. However, with the transfer to TRAB?S, domain names with those extensions can be registered or transferred without any required documents.

On the other hand, per the Announcements, av.tr, bel.tr, dr.tr, edu.tr, gov.tr, k12.tr, kep.tr, pol.tr and tsk.tr will still require relevant documents for registration in TRAB?S era. In the Announcements, the required documents for these domain name extensions are also listed.

Please see this [link](#) and this [link](#) for the full texts of the Announcements (only available in Turkish).

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