

Information you'll need to complete the domain request form

We'll ask you questions about your organization and the domain you want. Here's what you'll need to know to complete the form. There's more information about each of these sections below.

- Type of government organization you represent
- Organization name and mailing address
- Your senior official
- Current websites for your organization (if you have one)
- .Gov domain you want
- Purpose of your domain
- Your contact information
- Other employees from your organization

Type of government organization you represent

You'll choose from the list below.

- **Federal:** an agency of the U.S. government's legislative, executive, or judicial branches
- **Interstate:** an organization of two or more states
- **State or territory:** one of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands
- **Tribal:** a tribal government recognized by the federal or a state government
- **County:** a county, parish, or borough
- **City:** a city, town, township, village, etc.
- **Special district:** an independent government that delivers specialized, essential services
- **School district:** a school district that is not part of a local government

Organization name and mailing address

We'll ask you the name and mailing address for the organization you represent. Your organization might be part of a larger entity. If so, enter the name of your part of the larger entity.

If your domain request is approved, the name of your organization and your city/state will be listed in [.gov's public data](#).

Your senior official

Your senior official is a person within your organization who can authorize your domain request. This person must be in a role of significant, executive responsibility within the organization. Read more about [who can serve as a senior official](#).

What we'll need to know about your senior official:

- Name
- Role in your organization
- Email address

We typically don't reach out to the senior official, but if contact is necessary, our practice is to coordinate with you, the requestor, first.

Current websites for your organization

We'll ask about your organization's current public websites. We can better evaluate your domain request if we know about domains you're already using. If you already have a .gov domain, include that in your list.

.Gov domain you want

Here's the part where you'll tell us the .gov domain you want. We'll try to give you your preferred domain, but we first need to make sure it meets our requirements. We'll work with you to find the best domain for your organization.

Your domain name must:

- Be available
- Relate to your organization's name, location, and/or services
- Be unlikely to mislead or confuse the general public (even if your domain is only intended for a specific audience)

Names that uniquely apply to your organization are likely to be approved over names that could also apply to other organizations.

Requests for your organization's initials or an abbreviated name might not be approved, but we encourage you to request the name you want.

Read more about [our domain name requirements](#).

Purpose of your domain

We'll ask you to explain how you plan to use your .gov domain. Will you use it for a website and/or email? Read about [activities that are prohibited on a .gov domain](#).

Your contact information

We'll ask you to provide your contact information. While reviewing your domain request, we may need to reach out with questions. We'll also email you when we complete our review.

Your contact information won't be made public and will be used only for .gov purposes.

Other employees from your organization

To help us determine your organization's eligibility for a .gov domain, it's helpful to have contact information for other employees from your organization.

- They should be clearly and publicly affiliated with your organization and familiar with your domain request.
- They don't need to be involved with the technical management of your domain (although they can be).
- **We typically don't reach out to these employees**, but if contact is necessary, our practice is to coordinate with you first.