

.uk Domain Registration Overview

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What is .UK and when does it launch?

From 8am Tuesday 10th June 2014, customers will be able to register .uk domains on its own for the first time e.g. *domain.uk*. However, the registration for .uk domains will work a little **bit differently** to normal domain registrations.

You mentioned that registration is different?

Normally when a new domain is launched, anyone can sign up any domain name. With .uk, this isn't the case as a large amount of domains have been reserved for existing .uk family domain customers (.co.uk, .org.uk, .me.uk etc.).

For the vast majority of .co.uk customers, their .uk equivalent will be automatically reserved allowing them to purchase their .uk first. This is a system called **Right of Registration** and was put in place in order to keep things fair and to protect the interests of any **existing** .co.uk /

org.uk /

me.uk customers.

e.g. if a customer owns mydomainname.co.uk then they will automatically have mydomainname.uk reserved for them to register from the 10th June.

There is one exception as follows:

- If a **.co.uk** was registered **after 23.59pm 28th October 2013** and an existing equivalent domain was registered **before** the above date (e.g. www.example.org.uk, www.example.me.uk etc) then the **Right to Registration** would be **awarded to the first domain registered** (in the **following order**)
- **.org.uk**
- **.me.uk**
- **.ltd.uk**
- **.plc.uk**
- **.net.uk**

Other Points to be aware of:

- Due to the way these rules have been setup, any **new registrations** of .co.uk domains made **before** 08:00hrs on 10 June 2014 (provided that no other equivalent .org.uk, .me.uk, .net.uk, .ltd.uk or .plc.uk exists) will get the rights to the new .uk domain.
- After launch on 10 June 2014 any new registrations within the .uk family (e.g. in .co.uk, .org.uk etc) no longer get automatic rights to register the new .uk domain. So these new .uk domains become available for anyone to register.

How do we check if our domain holds the Right of Registration or not?

We can do a simple check using the following tool:

<http://www.dotuklaunch.co.uk/rights-lookup-tool>

Simply click on the link above, enter the domain that you are interested in on the right and search. You will then be told which domain will have the Right of Registration.

*e.g. Customer owns mydomainname.co.uk and wants to purchase mydomainname.uk. We enter **mydomainname** into the search box and push enter.*

Rights lookup

Type in the new 'example.uk' domain to find out who has the right-of-registration.

mydomainname .uk

Look up

Once the results come back, we can see that **mydomainname.co.uk** has the right of registration:

Domain name:

mydomainname.uk

Right of registration:

mydomainname.co.uk

Ok, so what are we offering? How do I register a .uk?

There will be three ways to register the .uk:

1. The Great British Bundle - special .co.uk / .uk pre order bundle (pre-order available now)
2. .uk Pre-Order and Registration for Existing .co.uk Customers (pre-order available now)
3. New .uk domain Registrations (Available from 8am Tuesday 10th June)

.uk Pre-Order and Registration for Existing .co.uk Customers

Starting today, existing .co.uk (UK2 and non UK2) customers can start pre-ordering their .uk domain names. We expect most queries / sales (180,000+ qualifying domains) to be from our existing customers who will be split as follows:

- Group 1: Customers that will have 1 - 10 .co.uk domains - Order via website
- Group 2: Customers that will have more than 10 domains - UK2 Sales will contact them

Group 1 (10 or less .uk domains) customers will be contacted via email and directed to the following URL where they will be able to order their equivalent .uk domains:

<https://checkout.uk2.net/uk-preorder/>



Using this system, customer can currently only purchase 1 .uk domain at a time and will need to setup a new CHI account. Each domain name requires to be authenticated separately to ensure that they have the legal Right of Registration.

Group 2 (More than 10 .uk domains) customers will be contacted individually by the UK2 Sales team and offered the opportunity to purchase qualifying domains (details will be sent separately)



If you wish to purchase 10 or more domains, you should be send an email with your, Name, email address, account name, and list of domains to purchase to sales@uk2.net

New .uk domain Registrations

If you are looking to just register the .uk domain name you can do so from 8am Tuesday 10th June as long as there are no existing domains with rights.

So to be clear, providing that **all** the equivalent .co.UK, .org.UK, .me.UK, .ltd.UK, .plc.UK and .net.UK domains are available for registration (as this will mean no one else can claim a Right of Registration) you can register the .uk domain.

.uk domain

names can be purchased for up to 10 years.

Other Information to Consider

- Domains must be continuously registered to retain the rights to the new .uk - however, if a .co.uk with rights is not renewed between now and 10 June 2014, then it re-gains the right if it is re-registered prior to 10 June 2014.
- If you have the right to register a new .uk domain then that right will move with the domain, if you transfer your domain to another person, as long as it remains continuously registered.
- All rights to new .uk domains will cease if an existing domain is not renewed.
- Where the Client is overseas an address for service in the UK is provided upon placing a Pre-Order.
- PO Boxes will be unacceptable as an address.