

RrSG Membership Fee Discount Program

What is the RrSG Membership Fee Discount Program?

The program offers a membership fee discount to eligible ICANN accredited registrars that otherwise have financial barriers, typically due to financial disadvantages caused by their country's economy. It is a discount and not a subsidy or sponsorship that is being paid for by the RrSG or other members, nor will it have any negative impact on the RrSG budget.

By providing discounted RrSG membership, the program aims to increase both RrSG & ICANN participation and capacity in under-represented regions.

What is the discount?

A 75% discount will be applied to the membership fee for eligible ICANN-accredited registrars. Changes to a registrar's circumstance (for example an increase to 20,000+ gTLD DUMs) would result in the discount being removed from the next membership fee charged.

Who is eligible?

The following is required to be eligible for the RrSG Fee Discount Program:

- 1) Be an ICANN accredited registrar (includes current members)
- 2) Have 1 - 19,999 gTLD DUMs (RrSG "Tier 1" registrar)
- 3) Based in a Least Developed Country (LDC)* or low/low-middle income country**
- 4) Do not belong to a registrar family
- 5) Are not affiliated with a gTLD registry
- 6) Provide a statement outlining why paying the full membership fee is not possible due to financial hardship (i.e. high inflation in local currency & local currency to EUR exchange).

* UN classified [Least Developed Countries](#) (LDC), are as follows:

- **Africa:** Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia
- **Asia:** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Timor-Leste and Yemen
- **Caribbean:** Haiti
- **Pacific:** Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu

** OECD classified [low or low-middle income countries](#) are as follows:

Low income:

- **Asia Pacific:** Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Syrian Arab Republic

Low-middle income:

- **Africa:** Algeria, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Tunisia, Zimbabwe
- **Asia Pacific:** Bhutan, India, Iran, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Micronesia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tokelau, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam
- **Latin America & Caribbean:** Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua
- **Europe:** Ukraine

Application Process

ICANN accredited registrars who would like to apply for the RrSG Membership Fee Discount will need to provide the information required to meet the aforementioned eligibility criteria, either as a part of a new membership application or via email to secretariat@rrsg.org. If there is any uncertainty, the RrSG ExCom will review and determine if the registrar meets the criteria.