

LBDR Registrant Contact Record Requirements

(LBDR Guide for Registrars - rev 20210122)

The Domain Registrant Contacts are very important records under the LBDR and need special attention from the Registrars. For that purpose, we developed this guide to help Registrars understand the requirements, limitations, solutions and work around some of the issues, and most importantly what need to be done during the first period after the migration of the LBDR to the new system, policies and procedures. Section 4 of this documents details the issues that the Registrars will phase after the migration to the new system and what need to be done to address the various issues.

1. The LBDR Registrant requirements are as follow:

- 1.1. **Registrant** A domain name **Registrant** is an individual or entity who registers a domain name. Upon requesting the registration and subsequently successful registration of a domain name, a **Registrant enters into a contractual agreement with a Registrar of his/her choice**. The contract describes the terms under which the registrar agrees to register and maintain the requested name. After registration, Registrants manage their domain name settings and renewals through their Registrars. To modify a setting, renew, transfer, or delete a domain, a Registrant submits the changes to the Registrar, and the registrar sends the change to the registry. (See Appendix-A for Registrant Rights and Responsibilities)
- 1.2. During the first phase, after the Migration to the new system, the **LBDR Registrants should have Local Status** (Lebanese registered organization with Local Address)
- 1.3. **Registrants should complete and sign the LBDR-A** "Domain Registration Request and Agreement" and submit it to the Registrar, physical copy or scan and email to an email provided by the Registrar. Sample of the LBDR-A is provided in Appendix-B
- 1.4. Registrant should provide Supporting documents required for the zone the domain will be registered under:

2. The :	2. The Registrant Organization request to register the Domain under the selected Zone				
	Zone	Registrant Status	Required Supporting Documents to be provide to Registrar		
0	COM.LB	CommercialCompany	Current Commercial Circular or Lebanese ID of Private Practice Owners		
С	EDU.LB	EducationInstitution	Appointment of Education Institution Principle/Director from Ministry of Education		
C	GOV.LB	Governmental Organization	Decree Appointing Minister and/or Director General of Governmental Organization		
С	NET.LB	Internet Service Provider	Current Commercial Circular + Internet Service Provider License by MPT		
C	ORG.LB	Not-for-Profit Organization	Attestation from Ministry of Interior listing the current NGO Board members		

Sample of the records for each of the Registrant Statuses are provided in Appendix-B

1.5. The **Registrant Contact is Mandatory on the LBDR Registration System.** The Registrant Contact information enter on the LBDR Registration System by the Registrar should be the same as provided in the LBDR-A. The Registrant should keep his/her contact info up to date by completing a new LBDR-A that will replace the one in record with the Registrar. The Registrar should promptly update the Registrant Contact record on the LBDR Registration System to reflect the new Registrant contact details. Change in official representative of the Registrant Entity should be supported by the relevant supporting documents listed under LBDR-A section "2".



1.6. The Registrant should provide accurate and valid contact info in the LBDR-A section 4 and the Registrar should validate the info against the supporting documents listed in LBDR-A section "2". The Registry and Registrar should be able at all time to contact the Registrant via email for issues related to the domain name including legal notifications, and domain life cycle issues such as update, deletion, transfer, etc. So, it is critical that the email of the Registrant Contact is correct and validated by the Registrar.

The mandatory Registrant Contact information that should be provided and entered and maintained on the LBDR Registration System are as follows:

4. Official Representative (Admin-c) Details Contact: (* data required and should be valid otherwise the application will be rejected)

Registrant

Registrar

Full Name (*)

Title (*)

Organization (*)

Address (*)

Email (*)

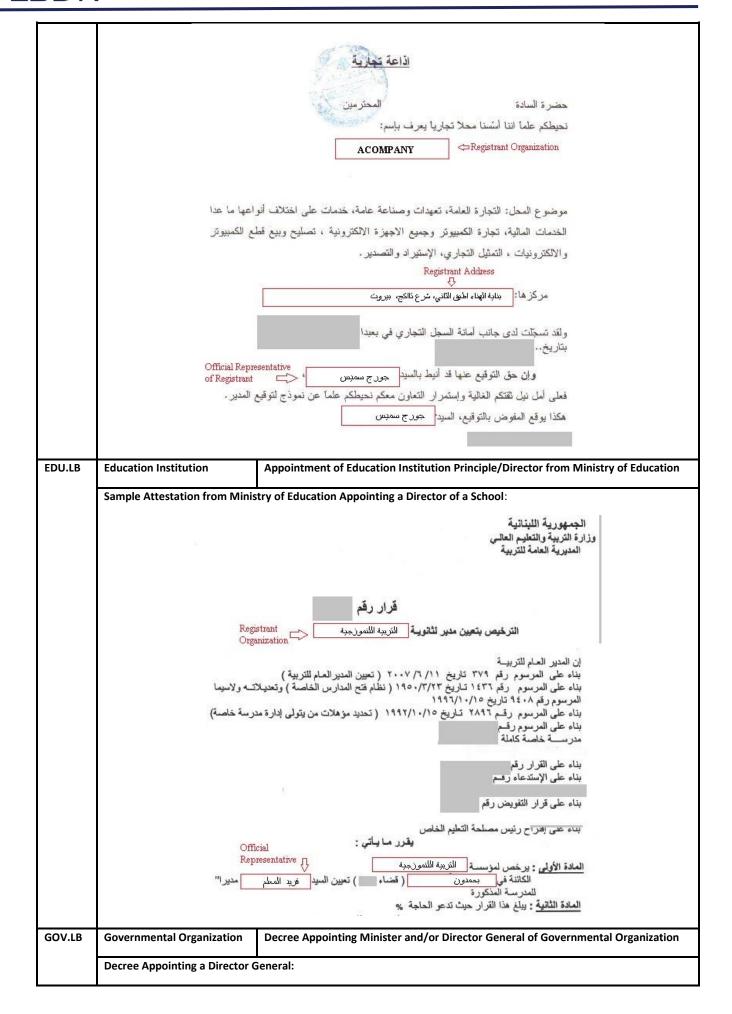
Phone (*)

- **Full Name:** The full name of the official representative of the Registrant Organization (the person who can legally sign on behalf of that organization).
- **Title:** the title of the official representative of the Registrant Organization.
- **Organization:** is the Registrant Organization as per the provided supporting documents.
- Address: is the Local (Lebanese) address of the Registrant Organization.
- **Email:** is the email of the official representative of the Registrant Organization, that email will receive all the legal notifications related to the domain and it is critical that the email is correct and validated by the Registrar.
- **Phone:** is the phone of the official representative of the Registrant Organization.

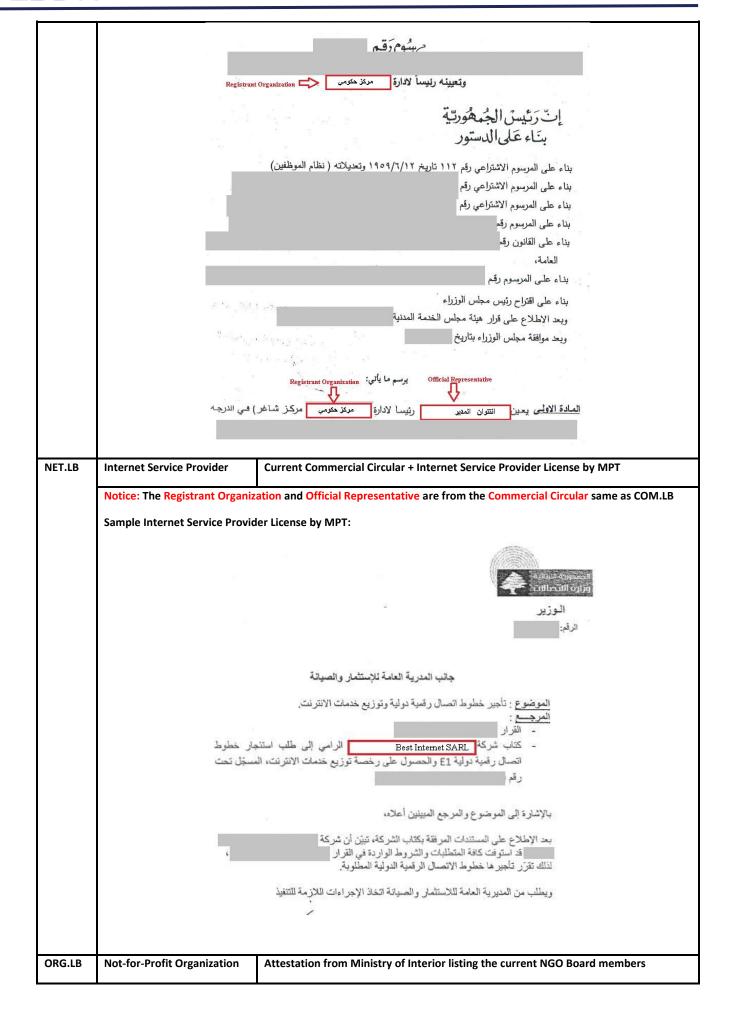
2. Registrant Contact Data Validation by Registrars

Zone	Registrant Status	Required Supporting Documents to be provide to Registrar	
COM.LB	Commercial Company	Current Commercial Circular or Lebanese ID of Private Practice Owners	
	Sample Commercial Circular:		













3. Registrant Contact Creation, Update and Deletion by Registrar

Registrars can create, view, update and delete the Registrant Contact details using the LBDR Registration System GUI interface.

3.1. Creation of a New Registrant Contact

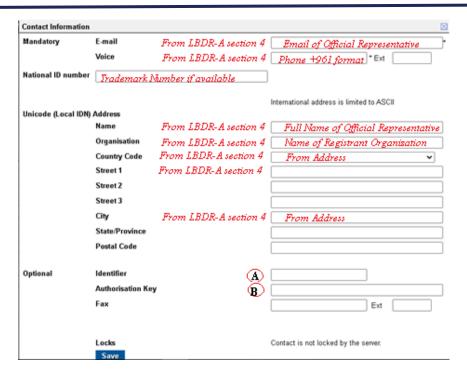
While creating a new domain and after you select the zone that you want to register the domain under and checkout the domain to the cart, you reach to below form:



Notice that the Registrant is a Mandatory contact for the creation of a domain.

To create a new Registrant Contact press on "Create" and you will get below Contact Information form to complete (the data source of the fields is highlighted in red):





- (A) Identifier Unique ID of the Registrant Contact
- (B) Authorization Key (or authcode) a password used for Registrar-to-Registrar domain transfers.

Both (A) & (B) can be optionally provided by the owner Registrar otherwise the system will generate the ID and authcode.

3.2. Use of Existing Registrant Contact

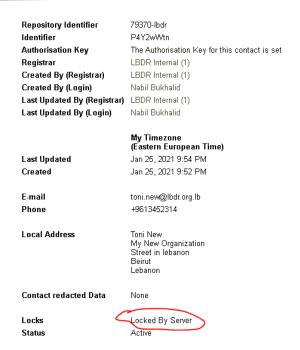
To link the domain to an existing contact, if you have the contact unique Identifier, enter the Identifier in the Registrant field and press on "Find". If not leave the registrant field blank and press on "Find" and a search window will popup. Enter the search criteria and select the Registrant Contact person.

You need to make sure that the Registrant Contact Person Organization is as the same Organization provided in the LBDR-A section 4. If NOT, you need to create a new Registrant contact record (see section 3.1).

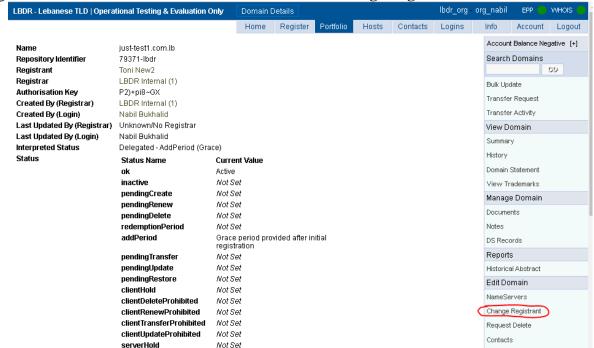
3.3. Update of a Registrant Contact

It is important to notice that when a Registrant contact record is created the LBDR Registration System will automatically add a "Server Lock" on the Registrant Contact record. The Server Lock means that the Registrant record cannot be updated nor deleted by the Registrar.



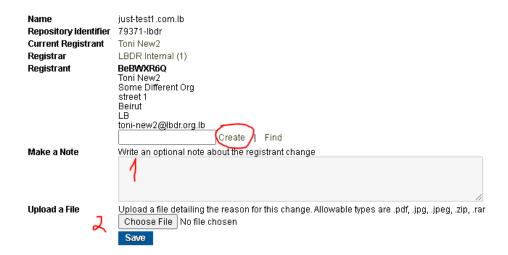


To update a Registrant Contact's record the Registrar should use the "Change Registrant" from the Edit Domain menu by selecting the "Portfolio" Tab > Searching for the Domain that lists the Registrant as contact > Select the Domain > click on "Change Registrant"

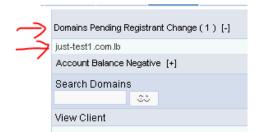


Create a new Registrant Contact record with the updated data, add under "Make a Note" (1) a note clarifying to the Registry why you are changing or updating the Registrant record, and upload a copy of the LBDR-A document related to the change that you are requesting by clicking on "Choose File" (2) and "Save" the changes. (The supported document types for the upload are .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg, .zip, .rar only)





After you successfully save the "Change Registrant" request, you will see on the top right corner of the GUI console a pending approval task for the domain under "**Domain Pending Registrant Change**":



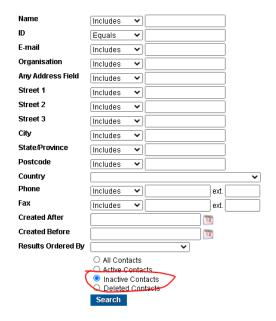
The Change Registrant process will kickstart the following review and validation workflow that consists of automatic email notifications and manual actions by the Registry and Registrar:

- a. The LBDR Registry System will send an automatic "**Registrant Change Request" email** to the Registrar, Current Registrant and New Registrant informing them that a request to change the Registrant details for the domain was requested by the Registrar.
- b. The Registry Approver will see the "**Domain Pending Registrant Change**" on its console and will review the request, might communicate with the Registrar to request additional info and support documents, Approve or Reject the request.
- c. The LBDR Registry System will send an automatic "**Registrant Change Approved**" or "**Registrant Change Rejected**" email to the Registrar, Current Registrant and New Registrant informing them of the action.
- d. If the request stays unresolved for more than 14 days, the System will auto decline the request and send an automatic "**Registrant Change TimeOut**" **email** to the Registrar, Current Registrant and New Registrant informing them that the requites was rejected.

3.4. Deletion of a Registrant Contact

The Registrant contact record is "Server Lock" upon creation and cannot be deleted by the Registrar unless if the contact record was replaced and is no more linked to any domain. In that event the LBDR Registry will run period data cleansing procedures, identify the Contact Records that are no more linked to domains, unlock the "Server Locks" and inform the Registrars accordingly. The Registrar will be able to delete the contact record individually or by bulk by searching for the specific record of for all contacts that are inactive.





And run a "Bulk Delete":



- 4. What are the Issues that the Registrars will be Facing with the Registrant Contacts Records after the Migration to the New Registration System?
 - 4.1. Status of the Registrant Records in the LBDR Legacy System

In the Legacy System the LBDR maintained the following roles:

- a. The registrant is an organization,
- b. The admin-c is supposed to be the official representative of that registrant organization.

But this policy was not enforced before 2008, some of the domains were updated to correct the discrepancy in admin-c contact records, but others were not corrected, and the admin-c is still a representative of the delegated tech-c entity or OMSAR for the .gov domains.

So, the admin-c email can be the actual official representative email or the email of the tech-c.



c. The tech-c is supposed to be the technical contact person and can be someone be from registrant organization itself or delegated to a service provider (some of the service providers were identified by the LBDR as prospect registrars but others are not)

4.2. Status of the Registrant Records in the New LBDR Registration System

The problem that we faced with the export, transform and loading of the data from the legacy system to the New LBDR Registration System is that we were not able to identify and correct all of the above-mentioned discrepancies programmatically. So, we ended up importing some of the Registrants' inconsistencies to the new system and ended up with the following scenarios and required corrective actions during the renewal of the domains:

Scenario-A:

Correct and Valid Registrant	Registrant_Name	admin-c name being the official representative of the Registrant Organization (correct)	Registrar should only validate the Domain Registrant record during
Contact	Registrant_Organization	Domain Registrant Organization (correct)	the renewal of the domain
	Registrant_Email	admin-c email (correct)	

Scenario-B:

Incorrect and Not- Valid Registrant	Registrant_Name	admin-c name being the official representative of the Registrant Organization (correct)	Registrar should update the Domain Registrant during the renewal of the domain by following section 3.3 "Change	
Contact	Registrant_Organization	Domain Registrant Organization (correct)		
	Registrant_Email	Tec-c email (incorrect)	Registrant" process	

Scenario-C:

Incorrect and	Registrant_Name	admin-c name being a contact from the	Registrar should update
Not- Valid		tech-c organization (incorrect)	the Domain Registrant
Registrant	Registrant_Organization	Domain Registrant Organization	during the renewal of the
Contact		(correct)	domain by following
	Registrant_Email	Tec-c email (incorrect)	section 3.3 "Change
			Registrant" process

Scenario-D:

Incorrect and	Registrant_Name	admin-c name being a contact from the	Registrar should update	
Not- Valid		tech-c organization (incorrect)	the Domain Registrant	
Registrant Registrant_Organization		Missing, misspelled, or wrong Domain	during the renewal of the	
Contact		Registrant Organization (incorrect)	domain by following	
	Registrant_Email	Tec-c email (incorrect)	section 3.3 "Change	
			Registrant" process	

4.3. Proposed Timeframe to Renew the Domains and Correct the Registrant Accounts

The task to correct the Registrant records is a critical and important task and will protect and benefit the Registrants, Registrars and Registry. To facilitate that task the LBDR will offer a phased and extended domain renewal schedule and will waiver the Registrant update fees.

The planned timeframe for the task is one year from the date we go live on the New System.



Appendix-A

Registrant Rights and Responsibilities

Domain name registrant have certain rights and responsibilities. Registrant rights include access to information from your registrar regarding processes for registering, managing, transferring, renewing, and restoring your domain name registration.

Domain Name Registrants' Rights:

- Your domain name registration must be subject to a Registration Agreement with an LBDR Accredited Registrar. You are entitled to review this Registration Agreement at any time and download a copy for your records.
- You are entitled to accurate and accessible information about:
 - The identity of your Accredited Registrar;
 - Your Registrar's terms and conditions, including pricing information, applicable to domain name registrations;
 - The customer support services offered by your Registrar and how to access it;
 - How to raise concerns and resolve disputes with your Registrar; and
 - Instructions that explain your Registrar's processes for registering, managing, transferring, renewing, and restoring your domain name registrations.
- You shall not be subject to false advertising or deceptive practices by your Registrar. This includes deceptive notices, hidden fees, and any practices that are illegal under the consumer protection law under the jurisdiction of Registration Agreement between you and your registrar.

Domain Name Registrants' Responsibilities:

- You must comply with the terms and conditions posted by your Registrar, including applicable policies from your Registrar, the Registry and ICANN.
- You must review your Registrar's current Registration Agreement, along with any updates.
- You will assume sole responsibility for the registration and use of your domain name.
- You must provide accurate information for publication in directories such as WHOIS, and promptly update this to reflect any changes.
- You must respond to inquiries from your Registrar within fifteen (15) days and keep your Registrar account data current. If you choose to have your domain name registration renew automatically, you must also keep your payment information with you registrar current.
- You must represent that: "to the best of the registrant's (you) knowledge and belief, neither the registration of the Registered Name nor the manner in which it is directly or indirectly used infringes the legal rights of any third party." This means that the registrant must represent to the Registrar that the domain name is not being registered for use in a way that would violate the legal rights of others. An example of this "infringement" could be a registration of a domain name that violates a trademark or copyright held by someone that is not the registrant.
- If there is a dispute in connection with the use of the registered name, the registrant must agree to jurisdiction of the courts where the Registrar is located (often stated on the website or in the Registrar/Registrant Agreement). Agreeing to jurisdiction means that the registrant agrees that the court in that location has the power to decide these types of cases.
- The registrant must agree that its registration is subject to "suspension, cancellation, or transfer" for the following reasons:
 - o if an ICANN adopted specification or policy requires it; or
 - if a registrar or registry procedure requires it "to correct mistakes by Registrar or the Registry Operator in registering the name; or
 - o for the resolution of disputes concerning the Registered Name.



- " For example, the UDRP is an ICANN adopted policy that specifies that an administrative panel hearing a domain name dispute could order that a domain name registration be suspended, transferred or cancelled, and the registrant has to agree that this is a possibility.
- The registrant shall "indemnify and hold harmless the Registry Operator and its directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) arising out of or related to the Registrant's domain name registration." At its simplest, this means that if the Registry Operator (or its employees, etc.) for the registered name is sued because of the Registrant's domain name registration, the registrant will pay the Registry Operator for all fees and expenses in defending against the suit as well as pay for any judgments or liabilities awarded. This "indemnification" is not solely limited to court cases.

Domain Name Registrants FAQ:

- FAQs: Domain Name Renewals and Expiration
- FAQs: Transferring your domain name



Appendix-B



DOMAIN REGISTRATION REQUEST & AGREEMENT

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