

# Next Round— Expansion of the DNS

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# Expansion of the DNS and the Next Round

The introduction of new gTLDs, including long TLDs and IDNs (domain names in local languages/scripts), into the Internet ecosystem through the New gTLD Program enabled the largest expansion of the DNS. The next round of gTLDs will continue this expansion and growth.

## Pre-2009

Generic TLDs (gTLDs)  
(22 total)

.com	.edu
.org	.net
.aero	.asia
.mobi	.travel
.info	

Country Code TLDs (ccTLDs)  
(two-character ASCII ccTLDs)

.uk	.jp
.de	.fr

## 2009-onward

IDN ccTLDs  
(in non-Latin scripts)

.φ	.台灣
.한국	.ଭାରତ

## 2012 Round

New gTLD Program

New and Long gTLDs  
(Over 1,200 total)

.bank	.bar	.technology
.car	.global	.london
.rio	.fox	.photography

IDN gTLDs  
(in various scripts)

.संगठन	.在线
.닷컴	.ストア
.ابوظبي	.ДЕТИ

▶ Serve diverse cultural, geographic, language, and professional communities.

▶ Provide communities and organizations opportunity to create their own space online.

▶ Build trust in and awareness of a brand.

▶ Manage and secure your online presence.

## EXAMPLES:

Industry-specific:

**.photography**

**.rugby**

**.bank**

Creative tools:

**playlist.new**

**doc.new**

Location-based:

**.durban**

**.nyc**

Script-based:

**.网址**

**.شبكة**

Brands:

**.google**

**.apple**

Online identity:

**.blog**

*Can you differentiate “apple.com” vs “apple.com”?*

# New gTLD Program: Next Round Implementation Timeline

## NEW gTLD PROGRAM: NEXT ROUND

### New gTLD Program: Next Round Application Submission Period:

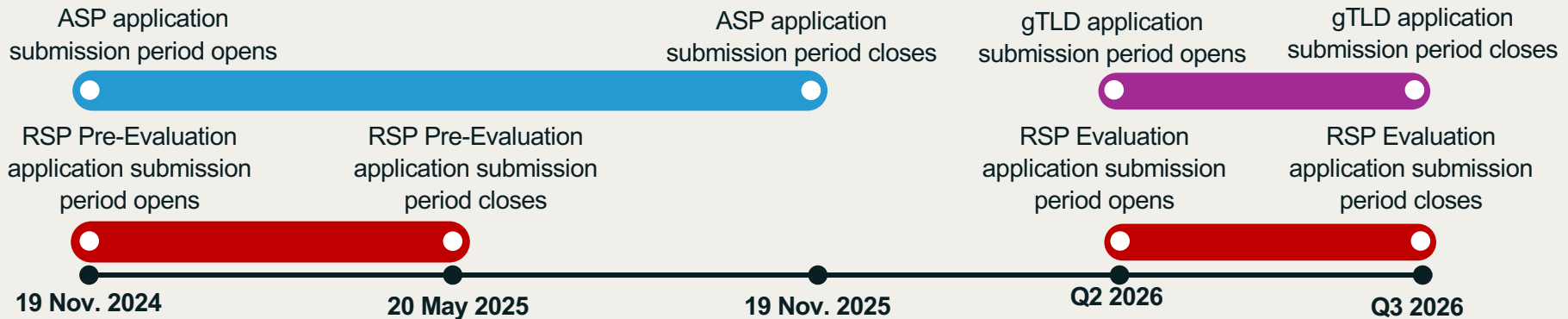
- Expected to open April 2026 for 12-15 weeks.

### Applicant Support Program (ASP) Application Submission Period:

- Opens 19 Nov. 2024; Closes 19 Nov. 2025

### Registry Service Provider (RSP) Evaluation Program Application Submission Period:

- Pre-Evaluation period opens 19 Nov. 2024; Closes 20 May 2025
- Another Evaluation period opens and closes during the gTLD application submission periods



Dates are subject to change.



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