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This Standard is to be read in conjunction with the [Australian Government Domain Name](#) policies. Unless otherwise specified within the Standard, these policies apply to all Western Australian Government domain names.

Objectives

- Reduce the proliferation of domain names.
- Enforce the use of the wa.gov.au and wa.edu.au domain names in the WA public sector.
- Promote the WA Government brand for all WA Government online information and services, and present them as the authoritative sources of trusted and accurate content.

Requirement

- WA public sector agencies are required to register their Domain Names¹ within the wa.gov.au subdomain. Educational Institutions may use either the wa.gov.au or the wa.edu.au subdomain.
- Agencies should only have one Internet Domain Name, except for instances of collaborative initiatives or where there is a compelling business reason for multiple domain names.
- Agencies are required to state the purpose of the domain name in their application. The domain name must be used specifically and exclusively for the stated purpose. Only one domain name per stated purpose is allowed.
- Domain names that are generic in nature will not be approved unless:
 - there is a direct link to the name or function of the applying agency or
 - the website supported by the domain is an initiative that provides comprehensive information on the topic concerned at a whole-of-jurisdiction level and/or allows cross-agency involvement.
- Domain names that are no longer required should be decommissioned.
- Agencies are required to apply to the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer for all new wa.gov.au subdomain names. Domain names that do not comply with this Standard or relevant Australian Government domain name policies will not be approved. For information on the domain name application process and to apply for a domain name, refer to the [Domain Name Application Form](#).
 - For all wa.edu.au subdomains, agencies are required to apply through Education Services Australia Ltd at <http://www.domainname.edu.au/>. Policy information for edu.au is also available from this site.

¹ Agencies are required to seek DG ICT Council exemption for all new website projects that do not align with the whole-of-government common digital services platform approach. Detailed information on the [Agency Website Project Exemption](#) process is available from the GCIO website.

Further Resources

- [gov.au domain name policies](#)

Further Information

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