

.Gov Domain Fee Increase FAQs

What's the reason for the fee increase?

The DotGov program is not supported by appropriated funds, and domain registration fees help to alleviate the rising costs of hosting services, including helping to combat growing cyber threats against the U.S. government.

Who sets the registration and renewal fee for .gov domains?

The Office of Information, Integrity, and Access (I2A) in the Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA). GSA is designated as the Top Level Domain (TLD) owner and Domain Policy Authority for governmental entities in the United States, including federal, state, local and tribal governments.

When was the last fee increase?

There were no fee increases in the past. The original (and current) fee of \$125 was set by GSA in June 2004.

When will the fee increase take effect?

The fee increase will take effect January 1, 2017.

If I pay my fee before January 1, 2017, will I pay the old fee or the new fee?

The old fee. All fees paid by December 31, 2016 will be at the \$125 rate. The fee will increase to \$400 per year on January 1, 2017.

Payment Scenario Examples:

I receive a billing reminder on November 15, 2016, stating that my domain is due for renewal on January 15, 2017.

- If you pay the renewal prior to January 1, 2017, the fee will be **\$125**. Your next domain renewal will be due January 15, 2018.
- If you pay your renewal between January 1-15, 2017, the fee will be **\$400**. Your next domain renewal will be due January 15, 2018.
- Fees will not be prorated.

Can I renew my domain more than 90 days in advance and take advantage of the lower fee?

No. Domains may only be renewed within a 90 day billing window, so only domains that are scheduled for renewal during January 1, 2017 – March 28, 2017, can take advantage of the lower fee by renewing early (no later than December 31, 2016).

How do I renew your domain within the 90 day renewal window?

A billing POC for each domain will receive an email notification that his/her domain/s are eligible for renewal at 90, 60, and 30 days of eligibility. At that time, the billing POC can log into the DotGov Registration portal at dotgov.gov and follow the procedures for domain payment. Please note that if he/she has to pay for more than one domain, each domain has to be paid for separately.

Is the fee the same for everyone who registers / renews a domain?

Yes, the fee is the same for both new registrations and annual renewals.

When was the fee increase announced?

The increase was announced in the [Federal Register on April 14, 2016](#), and posted on the [dotgov.gov homepage](http://dotgov.gov).
